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POST-SCRIPTS

By GEORGE ROTHWELL BROWN

"Time was upon
The wing to fly away,
And I call'd on
Him but a while to stay;
But he'd be gone,
For ought that I could say."

Santa Claus restores John W. Langley's citizenship, so that he can now go back to Congress and make laws for breaking which other people will lose their citizenship.

About the only thing Boulder Dam will irrigate will be the pocketbooks of the lawyers, the amount of litigation to be impounded being estimated at 50 years' worth, with the world's largest spillway through the United States Supreme Court.

Mr. Langley will now be able to vote and hold office, which is more than the boy who is serving a life sentence in the Michigan Penitentiary for having half a pint of gin on the hip will be able to do unless the second French Revolution starts reasonably soon and the mob tears down the Bastille.

It is encouraging to report that King George has been convicted to the fourth page and will soon be completely out of all danger of the headlines.

"Where war with rashness is attempted, there
The soldiers leave the field with equal fear."

We suspect that Bolivia and Paraguay won't get over being skinned of each other until they have proved for themselves how a little scrap cements an unstable friendship. As our favorite poet, Master R. Herrick, puts it,
"That love 'twixt men do's ever longest last,
Where war and peace the dice by turns do cast."

This is indeed a novel and interesting situation, overlooked by the ignorant framers of the Constitution, that Mr. Hoover will simply be President and let the Republican national committee run the country, but will the drys consent to have the political coconut palm shaken without the advice and consent of the Antislavery League?

Half the ill-will of Europe could have been avoided if American politicians had told its people in the first place that the entire war debt would be canceled and our friends the Allies required to repay only what they borrowed after the armistice, but that would have involved telling the American people.

We don't care how fast Miss Ruth McConnell flies home, or by what route, and only hope that when she reaches her destination she will make no more sensational trips to the front page.

Sing Sing convict swallows a new stomach camera and gets a snapshot of the outside looking in.

We fear that the first time a United States Senator got hot under the collar over a Federal judgeship he would look like a streak of blue lightning going past the door of the Republican national committee in the general direction of the White House.

Clyde Reed, Governor-elect of Kansas, announces that if necessary he will padlock the statehouse at Topeka to keep lobbyists from giving drinks to senators and representatives. It is heartening to note that at last a noble effort is to be undertaken to make the Nation's leading dry State dry.

Mr. Tilson wants an extra session of Congress on April 15, but maybe Mr. Hoover will favor April 1.

Bacchus, trim my Christmas tree, That on every branch I'll see Pleasant sights to greet my eyes, In pints, quarts, or any size, So I shall escape the fate Of poor dying Twenty-eight. Do but this and there shall be Offered up a bun to thee.

Dr. Work isn't the only person in this country who is planning to relieve Mr. Hoover of the trouble of picking a good man for an office.

Failure of the doctors to receive their liquor prescription books from Mr. Doran arouses their indignant wrath, owing to the serious epidemic of flu and Christmas in Washington.

Mr. Hoover may get back from South America just in time to make a good-will tour to the Senate.

Daddy Brown plays Santa Claus with the assistance of the riot squad and the kids of New York, like little Ben Franklin, pay dear for their whistle.

Young Cornelius Vanderbilt, with a million in his Christmas sock, isn't the first kid to discover that papa is Santa Claus.

JOYOUS SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS GRIPS CAPITAL

City Responds Gladly to Move for Brighter Yule Holiday.

PRESIDENT TO LIGHT CITY'S PUBLIC TREE

Communities and Individuals to Vie in Contests for Outdoor Decorations.

Christmas spirit grips the National Capital. Slowly but surely the enthusiasm of the holiday season has been creeping upon those who dwell within the limits of Greater Washington until today, two days before Christmas, good will and peace toward fellow men is the watchword of the hour.

A "Brighter Community Christmas" has been the appeal of The Washington Post, and Greater Washington has responded as only the heart of the Nation can respond to a worthy cause.

A bright star of Bethlehem guided the three wise men to the manger of the Christ-child 1928 years ago, and since that moment symbols of light have marked each succeeding observance of Christmas.

This year's Christmas program in Greater Washington indicates a desire to spread cheer and joy to every home, with giving to the needy, a source of happiness for all who can afford to aid in such a cause.

Good Will Spirits in Evidence.

Few will be overlooked as Christmas Day arrives for individuals and charity organizations, through annual appeals and private donations have arranged comfort and assistance to the poor, the sick and the friendless.

Through all these preparations runs a spirit of good will to all, as those in any other city. Communities within the borders of the District of Columbia will have celebrations and community trees.

Washington will be the show place of the Nation between Christmas and New Year's as it is during the remainder of the year.

In the churches of the District the observance of Christmas begins today.

Sermons on the birth of Christ predominate on programs for the morning and evening services with special choral singing of Christmas carols as additional features of the usual program.

Pageants by children of Sunday school age and by the young people's societies will be presented throughout the holiday week.

Many churches have Christmas tree celebrations planned, at which candy and gifts will be distributed to the boys and girls of the congregation.

Children of the Naval Air Station at Annapolis and those living in the immediate vicinity will be invited to the annual Christmas party.

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AIR CHASE HERO



Associated Press Photo. DAVID OLAN MEEKER, University of Rochester Medical School senior, who followed Miss Ruth McConnell across the continent in airplane.

GIRL IN AIR PURSUIT HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Plane, With Ruth McConnell and Meeker, Hits Wire Fence on Reno Field.

RETURNING FROM COAST

Reno, Nev., Dec. 22 (U.P.)—Miss Ruth McConnell, Indianapolis heiress, and Dr. Olan Meeker, Rochester, N. Y., physician, returning East after their airplane train race to California, narrowly escaped injury when their airplane landed here tonight.

The airplane struck the top of a wire fence on the edge of the field careened dangerously on one wing, then finally righted itself on the far side of the field.

San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 22 (U.P.)—Miss Ruth McConnell, 20-year-old Indianapolis heiress, decided to leave here late today by airplane to return to her Eastern relatives from whom she fled mysteriously earlier in the week.

Miss McConnell's decision to go back in time to pass Christmas at home was reached at a conference with Dr. Olan Meeker, Rochester, N. Y., physician, who pursued her across the continent by airplane as she was traveling west on the Overland Limited.

"I'm sorry I have caused so much worry and trouble for my parents," she said. "I will be glad to go back and to have a happy Christmas with them."

It was only after considerable persuasion that Dr. Meeker induced the girl to exercise her woman's prerogative of changing her mind and return East.

Dr. Meeker reached San Francisco by airplane Friday, 24 hours after Miss McConnell arrived by train. She had locked herself in her hotel room with the firm determination not to see Dr. Meeker, but he finally arranged to see her after a search of several hours at different hotels.

At first Miss McConnell was defiant and refused to consider Dr. Meeker's suggestion that she go back.

"Ruth, your father is terribly worried about all this and wants you to come back," Dr. Meeker finally said to her.

"I know he is, and that is what worries me most of all," the girl replied. "I would hate to face him and my friends after all the trouble I have caused them."

Dr. Meeker assured her there would be no parental scolding, and she agreed to go.

Her father, Maj. H. J. McConnell, is a retired Army officer living in Indianapolis.

Miss McConnell and Meeker joined in denying that a romance with Kenneth

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CITY FIRE RULES OPENLY DEFIED MARSHAL FINDS

Seib Reports 500 Cases in a Partial Survey of Conditions.

LAW FULL OF HOLES, COL. LADUE DECLARES

Easy to Evade Prosecutions, Commissioner Says; May Appeal for Congress Aid.

Approximately 500 cases of alleged violation of local fire regulations were reported yesterday to Col. John W. Oehmann, District Building Inspector, in a report submitted by Fire Marshal L. V. Seib. These alleged violations, Seib said, represent only a part of those believed to have been committed inasmuch as these figures were gathered as a result of a partial survey only.

Due to the many loopholes and apparent inadequacy of the present law, enacted in 1906 and amended in 1907, Col. William B. Ladue, District engineer commissioner, yesterday declared District officials are giving the matter their thorough attention, to determine the advisability of asking Congress for a more stringent act governing fire regulations.

If a new law is deemed advisable, Col. Ladue said, it will be presented to Congress for their consideration in order to be placed on the December calendar of the next Congress. Col. Ladue said he did not believe Congress would have time to consider a new act at the present session or during a special session if one is called by President-elect Herbert Hoover, because of matters more important.

Report on Tragedy Submitted.

A complete report of conditions, with respect to fire regulations, at 201 C street northwest, where two persons lost their lives as a result of the fire which wrecked the building last Sunday night also was submitted to Col. Ladue yesterday.

The commissioner said he had not had time enough to consider the report, but would study it tomorrow, and then determine whether the fire regulations had been violated.

District officials yesterday pointed out, that, due to the inadequacy of provisions in the present act, it is an easy matter in most instances to evade the fire regulations without fear of prosecution.

One of the provisions in the present act is that it shall be the duty of the owner of any building three or more stories in height, or over 30 feet in height, constructed or used or intended to be used as a tenement house, apartment house, flat, hotel, hospital, business, academy, school, college, institution, dormitory, asylum, sanitarium, hall, place of amusement or office building or store, to have erected one or more fire escapes. It will be noted, officials point out, that no reference is made to the owners of rooming houses.

Proprietors Evade Law.

As a result of this loophole in the present act, many proprietors of small hotels, evade being licensed as such and also evade the necessity of building fire escapes by not serving meals in their establishments, thereby being able successfully to have their establishments come under the technical classification of rooming houses.

In some of these so-called "rooming houses," but which are nothing more nor less than small hotels which should come under the provisions of the act, Fire Marshal Seib said his inspectors reported persons living on the upper floors would not have a chance of escape should fire break out at night.

It is for the purpose of forcing proprietors of houses of this character to install fire escapes and other necessary equipment that District officials are considering asking Congress for a new law.

Another provision in the present act governing fire regulations which District officials believe needs amending is that governing the giving of notice.

In referring to a recent case by way of explanation, officials said the proprietor of a rooming house installed certain equipment which automatically changed the premises into an apartment house.

Notice was given that the fire regulations would have to be complied with. They were, and the premises reverted again into the classification of a rooming house. After a fire had occurred, however, was discovered the establishment was being operated as an apartment house. The owner was not liable to prosecution, it was pointed out, inasmuch as he had complied with the first order and had not been given notice concerning the change of the premises again to one of an apartment house.

Sir James Barrie III In His London Home

London, Dec. 22 (A.P.)—Sir James M. Barrie, creator of Peter Pan, the Admirable Crichton and many other notable stage and fiction characters, is ill in his London home.

He suffered a severe chill and physicians ordered him to bed.

GAMING EXPOSE AT INQUEST MAY NET SAM BEARD

Lawyers Halt Evidence as to Gambling Before Coroner's Inquiry.

WITNESS IS ADVISED TO REFUSE REPLIES

Man and Woman Held by Police After Investigation of Janitor's Killing.

Gambling accusations may be preferred against Sam Beard, one of the prominent figures in District sporting circles, as the result of testimony at a coroner's inquest in the District Morgue yesterday and Friday.

District Attorney Leo A. Rover and his assistant, Neil Burkishaw stated yesterday they were considering taking the step against Beard on the strength of the inquest's developments. It is understood they plan to present evidence to the grand jury.

The inquest was called to fix responsibility for the murder of Joseph (Slim) Woodson, colored, whose body was found Tuesday in a hallway at 514 Tenth street northwest. The man's skull was broken and a heavy blunt instrument was beside the body. A gambling establishment, apparently defunct, was housed in the building near the spot where the body was found. The jury gave a verdict of death by a party unknown.

Two Face Gambling Charges.

Garner S. Barbour, 30 years old, of 1734 Massachusetts avenue northwest, testified at the inquest on Friday that he and Vincent P. Fuschni, of 3400 Fifteenth street northwest, were employed by Beard for the last eight months to conduct the gambling establishment at the Tenth street address. They were arrested on gambling charges as a result of the testimony and freed in \$5,000 bail each.

Fuschni was called to the witness stand when the inquest was resumed yesterday. Burkishaw attempted to gain from him testimony similar to that given by Barbour, but was frustrated by James A. O'Shea, Fuschni's counsel. Every question asked Fuschni dealing with the gambling establishment went unanswered at the direction of O'Shea.

Lawyer Prevents Replies.

Following Barbour's testimony, Burkishaw asked whether Fuschni went with Barbour to Beard's office after Woodson's body was found.

"Don't answer," directed O'Shea. "At that time and eight months preceding huge crowds waited patiently to see and cheer him and he answered ever salutation with waves of his hand, bows and smiles."

When calling on congress and on the supreme court he was under police escort, and was also accompanied by a regiment of dragons clad in white uniforms and wearing gilded helmets topped with tall orange-colored plumes and with a long cluster of black feathers hanging from behind. The smart appearing troops brought praise from Mr. Hoover and from members of his party.

Upon the arrival at the Chamber of Deputies, a magnificent new building, erected upon the site of an old prison, Mr. Hoover was greeted by Dr. Antonio Azeredo, president of the senate, and Dr. Rigo Barros, president of the chamber. He was escorted through lines of soldiers up a marble staircase and thence to the speaker's rostrum, which was high above the floor of the house.

As the President-elect of the United States appeared senators and deputies, who had been lounging in their seats, smoking, chatting or walking about and exchanging greetings, arose and applauded vigorously.

Crowded galleries looked down upon the unusual scene, the octagonal-shaped chamber being bathed in light which swept through a multicolored dome. This high dome was patterned to represent Brazilian skies, and it showed the principal constellations of the Southern Hemisphere.

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Testimony tending to show Woodson was employed as a "look-out" for the gambling den in addition to his janitor work was developed. James Davis, colored, who said he was employed as fireman at the building, declared Woodson was the "look-out" and charged that he frequently saw Fuschni and Barbour at the place.

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SCENE OF LAUREL THEATER BLAZE



Hugh Miller, Post Staff Photographer. Ruins of the Red Wing Theater, at Laurel, Md., which was wrecked by fire about 7 o'clock last night.

HOOVER HUMANITY'S FRIEND, LUIS HOLDS

Brazil's President Lauds Him in Speech; Day Crowded With Gala Events.

ADDRESSES BY VISITOR BOTH TO PASS, IS OUTLOOK

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 22 (A.P.)—Showered with additional manifestations of friendship by Brazilians for the United States, Herbert Hoover today had the most strenuous morning, afternoon and evening of his whole South American tour. He seemed to enjoy every minute of the round of official and unofficial receptions and greetings.

The most impressive scenes of the day were furnished when he appeared at a special joint session of congress and at a called meeting of the supreme court in mid-afternoon. To these events an elaborate state dinner in the banquet room of the presidential palace tonight furnished a climax with another scene of splendor.

Between times Mr. Hoover took a ride of 60 miles in an automobile along the seashore and through mountains and valleys. He also attended a luncheon at his temporary home in Guanabara Palace and held a reception for the American colony at the American Embassy.

At the start of the automobile ride the President-elect made a magnificent gesture by dismissing the Secret Service guard with a declaration that he needed no protection from Brazilians. Everywhere that he was scheduled to appear huge crowds waited patiently to see and cheer him and he answered ever salutation with waves of his hand, bows and smiles.

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COOLIDGE IS TOLD OF TREATY STATUS

Curtis, Watson and Hale Also Discuss 15-Cruiser Bill at White House.

BOTH TO PASS, IS OUTLOOK

Hope of early and favorable action on both the Kellogg antiwar treaty and the cruiser construction bill after the holiday recess was expressed to President Coolidge yesterday by Senate leaders.

Confidence of Chairman Borah, of the foreign relations committee, who is sponsoring the treaty in the Senate, in its ability to draw support has led the leaders to believe the pact may get to a vote ahead of the naval bill.

The arrangement for dual consideration of the two propositions was explained to the President yesterday by Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the Republican leader; Senator Watson, of Indiana, the prospective leader succeeding Curtis when he becomes Vice President, and Chairman Hale, of the Senate naval committee.

Mr. Coolidge was represented as well pleased with the program whereby the naval bill and the treaty will come before the Senate on an equal basis so far as consideration is concerned and he expressed the hope there would be no conflict between the two.

The naval bill, providing for fifteen new cruisers, will be the unfinished business on the legislative calendar and the treaty the unfinished business of the executive calendar. It will be up to the Senate to decide by majority vote which shall be considered.

Some treaty proponents believe the pact will be voted upon and ratified within three days and that then the naval bill will reach a vote several days later. Confidence has been expressed that because of the arrangement for double consideration no filibuster will be waged against either. But there is no doubt that the Republican independents led by Senator Norris, Nebraska, will make a determined fight against the naval bill. Senator King (Democrat), Utah, is also bitterly opposed to the bill.

Likewise, the treaty faces some opposition. Senator Reed (Democrat), Missouri, and Senator Moses (Republican), New Hampshire, will wage a stubborn fight for adoption of their "Interpretative" resolution in connection with ratification of the treaty.

Earthquake Reported At North Carolina City

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 22 (A.P.)—Residents of the northeast part of Charlotte reported a distinct rumble and shake about 9:30 tonight which they called an earthquake.

The residents of the county home, officials of the Mecklenburg County Industrial Home and many people in the section phoned newspapers inquiring about the tremble. No reports of similar occurrences nearby were reported.

CROWD HURRIES CALMLY OUT AS THEATER BURNS

Tragedy Averted as Fire Drives Audience From Laurel Building.

STRUCTURE IS RAZED AFTER 200 ARE SAFE

Boy Scout Leads Little Child From Scene of Blaze; Panic Prevented.

Tragedy was barely averted at Laurel, Md., about 7 o'clock last night when more than 200 patrons fled out of the Red Wing Moving Picture Theater a few minutes before it became a roaring furnace of flames.

The frame building was wrecked and although Philip Merrill, the owner and manager, curtly refused to discuss the fire in any of its phases, G. B. Tomanus, fire chief, estimated the loss to be between \$10,000 and \$12,000.

Panic on the part of the little city's theater-going populace in attendance at the first of the usual two Saturday night shows was averted by the presence of mind of Mr. Merrill and others, who, immediately the fire was discovered, set about calming the more alarmed of the spectators.

"You can put in what you damn well please," said Mr. Merrill, when requested for information concerning the fire, but from others it was learned approximately how many men, women and children were in the theater, how they were told there was no danger and how, orderly walking out, took the leaders at their word.

Boy Scout Helps Child.

Arthur Reming on, 13-year-old Boy Scout, and his scoutmaster, Henry R. Coates, were two of the outstanding figures in preventing a panic. While Coates stood up and called to the patrons to be orderly, the young Remington jumped over the back of his seat and went to the aid of a bewildered little child who had remained in his seat.

Fearing the child, whom he said he had never seen before, would be crushed in the rush to the exits, Arthur placed him ahead and held back the crowd until he could lead the little boy to safety.

Coates had gone to the theater with his two daughters, Grace, 8 years, and Laura, 7 years. Suddenly, he said, "in the midst of the comedy the film stopped and the lights flashed on."

Turning toward the rear to see the cause, Coates said, "he saw flames breaking through the ceiling."

It was at this point that Coates was one of those who stood up and called to the boys and girls to be quiet. After the theater was almost vacated Coates took his children and left by the exits near the screen.

Wiring Blamed for Blaze.

The possibilities of the blaze spreading to other buildings in the heart of the business section of Laurel prompted a call to the fire departments of Hyattsville, Mount Rainier, Bladensburg, Cottage City and Camp Meade for aid, and the fire departments

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Father's Gift of \$1,000,000 Closes Exile of Vanderbilt

General, Reconciled, Gives Son Old Status; Will Help Pay Debts.

Special to The Washington Post.

New York, Dec. 22—A Christmas check for \$1,000,000, a paternal embrace from grim old Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt, and the assurance that his four-year exile from the circle of his mighty family had been lifted, sent Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., happily speeding from New York tonight to his bride in the West. To young Vanderbilt, who, during his estrangement, wrote bitterly of dreary Yuletide in the mansion of his parents, the gift of today and restoration to the social status which is his birthright, were "just what he wanted."

The million-dollar check creates on Christmas Eve a trust fund for the payment of creditors of young Vanderbilt's ill-starred tabloid newspaper enterprises. One-half was contributed by his father and the other half by "Nelly's" mother.

Besides the trust fund, my father has consented to release \$1,237,000 of my heritage so that I can pay off people who lost money backing my papers," young Vanderbilt said as he stood in the station, waiting for his train. "That has been my Christmas present. Now my Christmas present to my creditors will be repayment of their losses from these two amounts."



CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR.

and of an additional \$900,000 in securities put into the papers as a loan.

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TILSON URGES EXTRA SESSION ON APRIL 15

Best Date, House Leader Says, to Consider Farm Relief and Tariff Changes.

HIS VIEWS IN STATEMENT

(Associated Press.) Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, the House Republican leader, believes that April 15 would be a proper time for the convening of an extra session of Congress to consider tariff revision and farm relief legislation. Declaring that he was certain no one could speak with authority as to whether or when President-elect Hoover would call a special session, the majority leader said he felt such a session would be called in the event no generally acceptable farm relief legislation was passed at the present session. He added few members of the House seemed hopeful that a satisfactory farm relief measure would be passed at this session.

Tilson said that if the coming Congress was to undertake the revision of the tariff, which must be general, the work should be done as early as possible and before any other subject but farm relief legislation was taken up. With one house considering tariff revision and the other farm relief in a session called about April 15, Tilson said, better legislation affecting those problems probably would result in a much shorter time than at a later date. The laws could become effective before July 4, he added.

Gives Views In Statement

The majority leader disclosed his views in a statement issued yesterday in which he declared he spoke "for no one but myself."

Pointing out that the House ways and means committee had completed plans to hold hearings in January and February on the proposed tariff revision, Tilson said this was done so that a tariff bill could be prepared within six weeks after March 4 and be reported later to the House for action. "If the extra session should convene on April 15," Tilson continued, "consideration in the House could be completed before May 15. Meanwhile, the Senate could hold its hearings on the bill reported to the House so that immediate consideration could be begun in that body. In this way ample consideration could be given in both houses and the bill could become a law before July 4."

Would Waive Differences

Tilson said that he believes his plan could be "rapidly carried out provided there is a reasonable disposition to waive minor differences and act together promptly for the public good." "Many believe that additional tariff legislation is a necessary part of any complete and satisfactory treatment of the farm problems and they will insist upon such legislation," Tilson said. "It is also certain that any tariff legislation at all means a general revision. While a large proportion of the rate needed to remain substantially unchanged they must all be considered as one complete whole for many of the items are interrelated and many of the rates interdependent. "If the tariff is to be revised by the House as early as possible and before the Senate convenes, it should be done by other legislation, except farm relief, is taken up. It can be done during the early months of the new administration in half the time that would be required six months later and I venture to say that a better bill can be passed earlier than later."

Gen. Hamilton's Wife Dies in Hawaii Barracks

Special to The Washington Post. Petersburg, Va., Dec. 22.—A cablegram received here today announced the death of Mrs. Nannie Creel Hamilton, wife of Gen. Alston Hamilton, at Schofield Barracks, near Honolulu. H. I. Mrs. Hamilton was a sister of Mrs. Charles E. Plummer, of this city. She underwent a surgical operation three weeks ago from which she was thought to be recovering. The news of her death came as a shock to her sister and to Mrs. Creel, her mother, who lives with Mrs. Plummer. Mrs. Hamilton was born in Louisville.

Langley Regains Citizen's Rights by Coolidge Pardon

Former House Member Was on Parole in Whisky Conspiracy Case.

(Associated Press.)

President Coolidge has granted a full pardon to former Representative John W. Langley, of Kentucky, restoring him to citizenship. Langley was convicted of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws and served a term in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta. His wife, Katherine Langley, was elected to the seat in the House. The President's action was taken on a recommendation from Attorney General Sargent.

Langley was indicted here in March, 1924, with five others on charges of conspiracy to illegally withdraw whisky from Government storage, and was convicted in Covington, Ky., a few months later. He was sentenced to two years in prison. At that time he was serving his ninth term as a member of the House and was chairman of the public buildings and grounds committee.

After the Supreme Court declined to review Langley's case he resigned from the House and began his sentence in Atlanta in January, 1926. He appealed to the voters of his district to send Mrs. Langley to take his place in the House "to save our home." Mrs. Langley won the election and was reelected last November.

A parole was granted the former representative when he had served one year of his sentence. At that time it was expected that President Coolidge might extend a pardon at Christmas, 1926, but no action was taken.

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League Hopes U. S. Will Discuss Opium

New Note Asks Collaboration, Despite Refusal to Participate.

(United Press.)

Despite American refusal to participate in further League of Nations discussion of the opium traffic, the League has expressed the hope that the United States will continue "practical collaboration," according to a note made public at the State Department yesterday. The communication was in reply to Secretary of State Kellogg's note rejecting the League invitation. Kellogg explained that the United States was not satisfied with the agreement reached during the 1925 opium conference from which the American delegation withdrew when a rigid control project was rejected.

Stephen G. Porter, chairman of the American delegation, insisted that the production of raw opium and coca leaves be restricted to the medicinal and scientific needs of the world. British and other delegates objected to this program.

2 Meeting Houses Ready for Hoover

Both Irving and I Street Friends Congregations Expect Attendance.

Herbert Hoover, during his stay in the White House, will attend one of the simplest, most inconspicuous churches in Washington. The congregation of the "Orthodox Friends" Meeting House, at Thirteenth and Irving streets, more than 2 miles from the White House, made this announcement yesterday, adding that the President-elect is a birthright member of this branch of the Friends Society. Dr. Augustus T. Murray, of Stanford University, alma mater of Mr. and Mrs. Hoover, has been secured by the meeting for minister.

C. H. Gage, Inventor, 60, Dies Suddenly at Hotel

Charles H. Gage, 60 years old, died suddenly last night in his room at the National Hotel. Dr. C. Bacon, resident physician of the hotel, said that death was due to heart disease. Mr. Gage has lived at the hotel for about ten years with his wife, Elizabeth Gage. He was an inventor and had patented several tools.

SHOALS BILL POCKET VETO STILL PUZZLE

Long Statement by Justice Department Fails to Clear Up Status.

VIEW IS SENT CONGRESS

(Associated Press.) The question whether the President killed the Muscle Shoals bill or allowed it to become law by failing to sign it at the tag end of the last session of Congress still was undecided yesterday after a Department of Justice memorandum on pocket vetoes was transmitted to Congress. The 99-page statement, dated last October 10 and forwarded to the House with a brief letter of transmittal by the President, contained no conclusions and merely went into the history of bills sent to the President within less than ten days of adjournment of Congress and remaining unsigned.

Instances were cited as far back as 1815 where such measures were not allowed to become law, but the only reference to Muscle Shoals was the fact that the measure still was at the White House with a penciled memorandum, "Pocketed," attached.

Lewis Deschler, House parliamentarian, expressed the opinion, however, that the "weight of the cases and precedents cited tends to bear out the conclusion that a bill not signed within the ten days' limitation as prescribed by the Federal Constitution does not become law, irrespective of whether the ten-day limitation is at the final adjournment of Congress or between sessions of Congress."

The Muscle Shoals bill was received at the White House May 26, 1928, three days before Congress adjourned. Senator Norris (Republican), Nebraska, has contended that Congress was merely in recess after May 29 and until the second session of the Seventieth Congress began and that failure of the President to sign the bill automatically placed it on the statute books. A case involving this point is pending in the Supreme Court.

The Attorney General's memorandum related that unsigned bills are found in four places—in the custody of the Secretary of the Senate, the manuscript division of the Library of Congress, the archives of the State Department and the White House.

Since Cleveland's administration, it was pointed out, except three have remained in the White House. The exceptions were a bill sent to the State Department by President Harrison during a Christmas recess in 1892 and two bills sent to that department by Cleveland during a similar recess in 1896.

Supply Bill Reported Carries \$112,000,000

(Associated Press.)

The third of the annual supply bills was reported to the Senate yesterday—carrying approximately \$112,000,000 for the State, Justice, Commerce and Labor Departments. The committee added \$68,640 more than was voted by the House.

Increases recommended to the Senate in the bill were \$10,000 additional for transportation expenses of diplomatic officials; \$33,640 additional for promoting commercial aircraft; \$15,000 for promotion of the citrus fruit industry and \$10,000 to the Alaskan general fund for construction, improvement and repair of buildings and roads.

Use for Paper Made Of Waste Crops Urged

(Associated Press.)

Printing of the Congressional Record on paper made from waste crop products of American farms was proposed in a joint resolution introduced by Senator Schull (Republican), Minnesota. More than \$275,000,000 worth of space paper is imported annually, the resolution said, while corn stalks, rice, wheat and straw with a potential value of \$275,000,000 from which paper of finer quality could be made, rot on American farms because of lack of necessary manufacturing facilities.

Day in Congress

Met at noon and adjourned at 12:55 to noon January 3. Confirmed the nominations of the following to be members of the Interstate Commerce Commission: Clyde B. Atchison, of Oregon; Claude R. Porter, of Iowa, and Patrick J. Farrell, of Washington, D. C. Vice President Dawes called attention to the fact that Theodore F. Shuey had been a shorthand reporter in the Senate for years. Senator Hedin (Democrat), Alabama, declared that the record of Shuey and the records of Senator Warren, of Wyoming and Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes refuted the theory of Sir William Osler that every man ought to be chloroformed at 60. Senator Frazer (Republican), North Dakota, recited a poem on Christmas bells.

Senator Brookhart (Republican), Iowa, advocated "cooperative marketing" as opposed to "competitive marketing."

Appropriations committee reported out the \$112,000,000 appropriations bill for the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce and Labor.

Campaign funds committee notified Senator-elect William S. Vare, of Pennsylvania, that it would give him a final opportunity January 4 to present his views in connection with the Varnum election contest.

Chairman Watson, of the interstate commerce committee, introduced a bill to create a Federal communications commission to regulate telegraph, telephone, cable and radio transmission.

Received from the President the nomination of Col. Francis L. Parker to be chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, with rank of brigadier general.

HOUSE

Met at noon and adjourned at 12:30 to noon January 3. Representative Hall (Republican), of Indiana, introduced a resolution to provide that former Presidents of the United States would have life jobs as United States senators ex officio.

Received from the Attorney General a memorandum to the history of the pocket veto which gave no conclusion as to whether President Coolidge killed the Muscle Shoals bill by failing to sign it after the last session of Congress.

Representative McGregor, of New York, who is going to the bench of the New York Supreme Court, said farewell. Majority Leader Tilson wished the House a Merry Christmas.

C. & O. Asks Change In Purchase Order

Can Not Get Pere Marquette Stock Under \$133, Brief Tells Commission.

(United Press.)

The Chesapeake & Ohio Railway filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission yesterday two briefs supporting petitions for changes in the commission's previous order authorizing the line to purchase the Pere Marquette road.

One brief contended the C. & O. should be permitted to issue 200,000 shares of capital stock at instead of \$150, as the commission had ordered. It was contended that this issuance and price were questions outside the commission's jurisdiction.

The second brief supported a petition to purchase Pere Marquette at \$133 a share, instead of \$110 as fixed by the commission. It was argued the stock is worth the higher figure and is unobtainable from the Nickel Plate owners at less than \$133.

YULE SPIRIT RULES AS KING IMPROVES

Adults Rush to Offset Lost Time Throughout England for Festivities.

BULLETIN IS OPTIMISTIC

London, Dec. 22 (U.P.).—England, after weeks of uncertainty over the illness of King George, turned with gratitude today to a joyful celebration of Christmas, reassured by bulletins from Buckingham Palace that the king was making good progress.

An official bulletin issued tonight by the king's physicians said: "His majesty has had a quiet day. There is no change in progress to report. No bulletin will be issued until Sunday evening."

"STANLEY HEWETT. "HUGH RIGBY."

The bulletin was timed at 8:30 p. m. It was understood on reliable authority that the royal physicians hope to be able to announce on or about Christmas Day that the king is out of danger.

It was a children's Christmas that essentially had been planned during the dark days when the king's life was threatened.

King Wanted Festivities

The king's express wish all along has been that his subjects should go ahead with their customary Christmas celebrations, but the elders had been unable to plan merriment for themselves while their sovereign lay dangerously ill.

The purchase of toys for the children had gone on, however, and the progress favorably brought a sudden rush of shopping, as grown-ups turned to make up for lost time.

A bulletin issued at Buckingham Palace at 11:30 a. m. said: "The king had a fair night. His majesty's condition remains unchanged."

"STANLEY HEWETT. "HUGH RIGBY."

"DAWSON OF PENN." The bulletin indicated that the king was holding the slight improvement that had begun nearly a week ago. Medical circles felt that he may now be considered definitely on the mend.

Most of the Family at Palace

Every member of the king's family was at the palace, except the Duke of Gloucester, who is expected Christmas Eve. He sailed from Capetown, South Africa, on the mail steamer Baltimore.

Ultraviolet ray treatments are being continued to repair the poisoned tissues on the king's lung and to aid his general constitution in battling any threatening complication.

Sir William Joynton-Ricks, home secretary, sent a message of Christmas cheer to his constituents in Tewkesham. The message said: "I have hardly felt in the mood to say anything cheerful during the last few weeks, as all of you, like myself, have been under the cloud of the king's illness. But now one can not but feel that the prospect is much brighter."

"Such is the devotion in all sections of the community to his majesty that the work he does and the interest he takes in his subjects that I am sure there could be no happier a wish for this Christmas than that God should indeed save the king."

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VETERAN DIES



COL. HENRY C. DAVIS.

Col. Henry C. Davis, Of Marines, Is Dead

Veteran of War With Spain, Native Washingtonian, Stricken in West.

Death at Coronado, Calif., Friday, of Col. Henry C. Davis, Marine Corps, native of Washington, a veteran of the Spanish-American and World Wars and numerous expeditionary campaigns, was reported to Marine Corps headquarters yesterday.

Col. Davis was born in 1877, and began his military career as a cadet in Western High School, where he became senior cadet officer. He was appointed a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps during the war with Spain in 1898 and became a colonel in 1923.

Col. Davis' last assignment was recruiting duty at San Francisco. He was a graduate of the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., and the Army War College. His widow and a son survive.

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ADVANCE REPORT FALSE, SAYS BOLIVIA

Official Denial Is Made of Concentration Reported by Paraguay.

ARGENTINA FEARS CLASH

La Paz, Dec. 22 (U.P.).—The under secretary for foreign relations has denied the allegations of Bolivian troop movements as reported by the Paraguayan newspaper La Patria, in Asuncion.

Asuncion, Paraguay, Dec. 22 (U.P.).—A possibility of new fighting on the Bolivian-Paraguayan frontier was seen today in reports published by the newspaper La Patria that 3,600 Bolivian troops were marching on the City of Bahia Negra, in the disputed Chaco frontier region. The reports were not confirmed from other sources. A Bolivian attack on Bahia Negra, which is in Paraguayan territory, might make useless the Pan-American conference efforts to smooth out the recent crisis between the two countries, La Patria pointed out.

Rumors Are Spread.
Rumors of Bolivian military activities in the border wilderness spread in the city.
The newspaper El Liberal said today that stocks of airplanes and gasoline were being laid in an Argentine province of Formosa and that three new sheds had been built to be used for storage of such materials. Large signs reading "Jorge Aleman, purveyor for southern Bolivia," were on the sheds, the paper said.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 22 (U.P.).—Daily troop movements along the Bolivian-Paraguayan frontier were reported today by the Asuncion correspondent of the newspaper La Prensa.

The correspondent wired that Paraguayan soldiers were leaving the capital every day and that the forces were all headed toward the Gran Chaco region, where earlier battles had been fought between the border military patrols of both countries.

Water Route Employed.

The movement has been by the water route on boats up the Paraguay River, the correspondent said. He added that in spite of orders prohibiting women from accompanying the soldiers, several boat loads of women camp followers had left for the border district.

The continuous passage of troops through the city streets and unusual activity in government departments have been the only visible signs of other than the tranquil situation which has prevailed since both Bolivia and Paraguay accepted the good offices of the Pan-American Conference in Washington in the settlement of their recent crisis.

Paraguayans fear that the presence of Bolivian forces in the Chaco country may provide new fights, despite the reports from Washington that the Pan-American Conference is making satisfactory progress toward adjustment of the dispute, La Prensa's correspondent said.

General opinion from well informed circles here indicated a consensus that the conference should have each country withdraw soldiers from the Chaco to avoid fresh battles.

BRAZIL LAUDS U. S. POLICIES

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On his left, A. Bell rang to bring the house to order and then the president of the senate delivered in his native tongue a dramatic speech dealing with the friendship of Mr. Hoover as President. He hailed as a good omen the selection of an engineer as a Chief Executive, saying that this was an age of engineering.

Dr. Barros delivered a welcome in similar tone. He said that the Brazilian people were proud to receive in their midst the great American statesman and his entourage. He said that the Brazilian people were proud to receive in their midst the great American statesman and his entourage.

His speech, read in English and later translated into Portuguese, contained a declaration that new forms of great and tyrannical growing from new discoveries must be met with very restraint. This sentiment brought renewed applause.

Proceeding to the supreme court building a few blocks away, another crowd greeted Mr. Hoover. He was met at the door of the court by Dr. Godofredo Cunha, president of the republic. A band in an inner hallway played the Star-Spangled Banner as the guest was escorted to a reception room on the second floor.

Thanks Supreme Court.

Formalities there were dispensed with, Dr. Cunha beginning his address of welcome while crowds were still seeking to fight their way into the room, despite efforts of guards to restrain them. Members of the court in their long robes surrounded their president and Mr. Hoover.

The latter replied briefly to the welcome by the court, thanking the august body for the high honor of receiving him. He also outlined his own idea that the growing complexity of civilization has placed upon courts the duty of formulating concepts of justice to meet these new forces and agencies.

From the court Mr. Hoover proceeded to the American Embassy where for an hour, with Mrs. Hoover, who spent most of the day buying Christmas presents, he received the festive greetings of the Brazilian people and the French military missions to Brazil.

Heard Friend of Humanity.

Greeting Mr. Hoover as a friend of humanity, President Washington Luis said: "He is undoubtedly a great representative of a great nation. He possesses and has carried to a very high degree, all the fundamental qualities of his race, all the virtues of the noble people to whom he belongs."

After reviewing Mr. Hoover's work in and since the war, the Brazilian President said with a dramatic gesture:

"Were it still permitted to concede titles, I would demand for Mr. Hoover that of 'friend of humanity.' The qualities of his aspirations and of the ideals which he has put in practice, the name of Hoover Town a substratum, a basic condition of that already formed race, that already constituted people, that already organized society, that already advanced civilization, that already maintained and maintains the highest type of civilization."

"The political institutions are original and splendid. They maintain and develop all individual rights and all public liberties. They powerfully confirm Republican democracy and give satisfaction to our present day anxieties and aspirations."

Schoolboy Killed in Crash.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—In a collision of automobiles after a scorching dance, Lincoln Baker, a high school boy, was killed early today. Two boys and two girls riding with him were hurt.

FIREMEN PREPARE BASKETS FOR CITY'S NEEDY



Pursuant to a vote of members of the City Firefighters' Association to utilize dues collected during the month of December for Christmas charity, baskets were prepared at No. 7 truck house yesterday. Left to right, Capt. W. N. Green, N. O. Teates, Lieut. R. E. Moreland, F. J. Herndon and J. H. Shimp.

ADDRESSES BY MR. HOOVER

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Herbert Hoover, replying to President Washington Luis of Brazil, at a banquet in the National Palace tonight said:

"You have given expression 'to the noble and elevated friendship of Brazil for my country and you have formulated in words of courtesy the welcome which has overwhelmed myself and my colleagues since our landing yesterday on your shores."

"It is difficult indeed to make a reply which adequately represents the response of all our hearts to the atmosphere of charming kindness and friendliness of the people of your great city. I hope my visit here will be accepted as the responsive sentiment of 110,000,000 of my countrymen toward the people of Brazil."

"I know that on these occasions it is usual to refer to that unbroken span of good will which traverses the whole history of our two continents. Nor is it trite or commonplace to give voice to these facts for when true friends meet the renewal of their expressions and experiences is but the glow of a responsive human heart."

"It has been good will far beyond the formal relationships between nations. It has been proven by sympathy and mutual support in times of trial and by mutual satisfaction in times of success and triumph."

Peace Through Affection.

"Never has a cloud passed even in our dry words of diplomatic communication. Public opinion between our peoples has always been most happy."

"No one could fail to be moved by the hundreds of thousands of smiling men and women and young children who lined your streets in demonstration of the feeling they have toward my countrymen. No language can interpret the overwhelming waves of sentiment they have extended to us."

"It is itself proof of complete confidence in the serene and helpful friendship between our countries."

"We have established between us a powerful feeling of earnest cooperation to common welfare. To maintain that tradition is not only an obligation but a satisfaction to every citizen of our country. To impede or destroy its growth would be an act of unparalleled wickedness, for in it lies the most benevolent of all human forces, that of peace, not through fear but through affection."

"Friendship between nations is far more dependent upon sympathy and understanding than upon material interests. But the cultivation of forces which lead to this end does not preclude the material progress of nations. Some persons seem to think that trade between nations is solely for money-making purposes, and therefore that the exchange of goods is a matter of good will. Yet, as a matter of fact, economic interchange is a part of the whole and mutual civilization."

Exchange Vital to Progress.

"I know of no better instance of economic mutuality of nations than that of Brazil and the United States. A large part of Brazil lies in the tropical zone and possesses unlimited opportunities for tropical productions. My country is wholly in the temperate zone."

"With every advance of human comfort and luxury, with every step of invention, the exchange of products of the tropical and temperate zones, which neither can itself produce, has become of a more vital importance."

"A century ago our countries could and did live a primitive life without the exchange of products of the temperate zone for coffee, rubber and scores of other articles. Today, however, but for the products we exchange, not a single dynamo turn, not a telephone wire, not a single automobile, not a single commodity huge masses of humanity who have become dependent upon an intensive and high attained civilization, could not be kept alive."

"I could point out the same dependent relations on trade in almost every country. Therefore, let none think that international trade is only the noisy clatter of merchants and bankers—it is the life blood of modern civilization."

Other Forms of Exchange.

"Another form of exchange where mutual interests rise to the highest aspects is the exchange of scientific ideas. We are still engaged in a process of intellectual exchange and culture."

"In our two great continents we are still in the making of a material civilization. We are still engaged in a process of expansion of transportation, electrical power development and improvement of agriculture. We are still pushing high ways across plains and mountains, we are still bridging streams, digging harbors and waterways, we are still combating the ravages of disease. We are still undertaking communication by airplane."

"The experience in applied science and in administration which each of us gains from these undertakings is the joint fund of us all. Science and technology know no fears and know all languages. We are still engaged in a process of intellectual exchange and culture. The inspiration of lofty thought, morals and ideals are forces which make for increasing satisfaction and nobility among men."

"I should like to see a more definitely organized effort not only between our nations but between our students, teachers and professional men—of my country and your country, but between all our Western nations."

free from self interest, above partisanship and skilled in jurisprudence, are dedicated to truth and reason.

"In our Western organization of democracy, our supreme courts are not so greatly strengthened by the foundations of justice but are the guardians of our democratic organization itself. And the task of our supreme tribunals is ever increasing. You face new and more difficult problems each year with the advance of science and the growing complexity of our civilization, and you have constantly to formulate concepts of justice to meet these new forces and agencies."

Increase in Complexities.

"That the supreme courts of the world have met these new problems with courage and skill is the greatest tribute to their character and traditions."

"As our international trade increases, the relations of our citizens with foreign countries constantly expand. The whole fabric of international commerce upon which the world today is dependent for the satisfaction of its needs, the end on the sanctity of the contract honestly entered upon under the laws of each country."

"The confidence in the courts of different nations, the whole of our international economic relations would become hazardous and weakened. And the just decisions of courts remove the friction of our respective citizens into the field of abstract justice. Both of our countries attain enviable success in this great institution."

"Therefore I am most deeply sensible of the great compliment you have paid my country and myself in that your body, which so truly represents these ideals and traditions, should confer the great dignity upon me of this occasion."

Address to Senators.

"Mr. President, I would that I could adequately express the admiration which I have for this beautiful city which is proof of the progress of a great nation. And again I should like to express appreciation for the gratitude which I and my colleagues feel toward you and the people of Brazil for the reception which we have received."

"It demonstrates the charming courtesy and hospitality so highly developed in your people."

"In conclusion I pray that Divine Providence may continue to guide the leaders of our countries in those duties which uphold and maintain our mutual faith. And I wish to express my admiration for the leadership you have given a great nation."

Mr. Hoover, in responding to the welcome given him by the President of the Brazilian Senate, said that modern civilization has lifted the burden of man so that the individual may rise by his own accomplishment as never before.

The text of his response follows: "I cherish as an honor this opportunity to meet the men selected by various communities to enter the Brazilian Senate. We are engaged in the common task of working out effective government by the people."

"This great experiment in public welfare rests upon our confidence that the majority of conclusions by an instructed people will in the long run be right and wise."

"We know that mistakes will be made and that failures must occur, but those who look for the millennium overnight."

"But in a survey of a century of experience in the Western Hemisphere we see that we have made more progress in human welfare than there has been in any such period of history."

"We can emphasize further that the methods of justice and ordered liberty have been built upon foundations more firm and more promising for the future than ever before."

"The road of opportunity for the individual man to rise by his own accomplishment was never clearer than today. The world has entered upon a great period of economic expansion. The energies of the world were stirred by the war but, of far greater importance, we today are receiving the powerful impulses from years of advancement in education and technical training, from great scientific discoveries and their application through the invention of myriad appliances; from enhanced skill in workmen and in leaders of organization."

Governmental Problems Increase.
"Transportation and communication have been quickened by improvement in steam, by automobile, airplane and radio. The splendid advance in application of electrical power has lifted the burdens from the backs of men and relieved the drudgery of women."

"From it all productivity of men is increasing, and the standard of living is rising and surplus capital of the world for new ventures and for building up the open spaces is accumulating."

"But with these advances the problems of government greatly increase. It is indeed the function of each legislature to accept and encourage these discoveries and to incorporate them within the economy and culture of each country."

"New forms of greed and tyranny grow also from these new discoveries which must be kept in wise restraint. Therefore with the increasing complexity of our civilization the burdens upon our legislative bodies increase."

"It is fortunate that we have many independent governments, for each of them becomes an experimental laboratory in dealing with these forces. By the interchange of these experiences we all profit."

"I wish to thank you for your expressions of welcome and your expressions of friendship for my country. Our countries throughout their history have an unbroken record not only of peace but of mutual goodwill and helpfulness which has become a precious tradition between us. I wish again to repeat my gratitude for the honor which you have paid my country."

Response to Chief Justice.

A second welcome was given Mr. Hoover by the chief justice of the supreme court, to which he responded:

DE MARTINO, ENJOY. IS NAMED SENATOR

37 Chosen by King as Members of New Body; Duce Lauds Progress.

FINAL SESSION IS HELD

Rome, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Premier Mussolini wound up the last session of the Italian senate tonight with a speech voicing the utmost faith in Italy's destiny.

After paying tribute to the memory of the late Marshal Cadorna and complimenting the senators on the patriotism they had shown, he extolled the "gigantic steps" taken in the six years of Fascism, adding that the Italian people had "a road of future" before it which it would traverse conscious of its strength and position in the world.

The premier closed with homage to King Victor Emmanuel, to the armed forces of the nation and the Italian people.

New Senators to Be Announced.

It was the last time the senate will meet as at present constituted. The names of 35 new senators probably will be published tomorrow.

Director Tommaso Tittoni, retiring president of the senate, had made his last address. Premier Mussolini thanked the senate for its work. He praised President Tittoni, saying the latter had conducted the senate's discussions with much tact and patriotism. Announcing that Tittoni was determined in his intention to retire, he said the premier said this would be learned with disappointment by all. "To sweeten this abandonment," he added, "another equally important post will be offered to him."

Pays Tribute to King.

This allusion was interpreted as indicating that Tittoni might become president of the new Italian academy.

"What changes have taken place in the Italian people since the advent of Fascism? But what gigantic steps have been taken in the six years of Fascism in material things as well as in spirit."

"The Italian people now have before it the road of the future—difficult but not closed. It will pass along its historic and moral position in the world. With this certainty in our hearts, before separating, let us raise our thoughts to his majesty the king, to the armed forces of the nation and to the Italian people."

De Martino Named Senator.

The king tonight, upon the nomination by Premier Mussolini, named the 37 senators who will comprise the new senate. Among them was Ambassador Nobile Giacomo de Martino, now representing Italy at Washington.

Others named as senators were Gen. Bazzani, former commander of the Fascist militia; Crispio Montecchi, former director general of police; President de Michelis, of the International Institute of Agriculture; Pietro Fedele, former minister of instruction; Prof. Federico Millosched, director of the Roman observatory, and Dr. Mori, who is directing the antimafia campaign in Sicily.

Communications Unit Rule Asked.

Senator James E. Watson (Republican), Indiana, chairman of the Senate committee on interstate commerce introduced yesterday a bill to create a Federal communications commission. The purpose of this measure is to have the cable, telegraph, telephone and radio regulated by one official body.

The proposed commission would be composed of seven members appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, the salary of each to be \$10,000.

The Watson bill would transfer all functions of the Interstate Commerce act, and any other provisions of law, in respect of (1) the transmission of intelligence by telegraph, telephone, cable or radio, and (2) common carriers engaged in such transmission, to the new body. This includes any functions relating to these services now executed by the Postoffice, and other executive departments. This bill, if enacted, will abolish the Federal Radio Commission.

300 Midshipmen Lose Yule Leave.

Must "Bone" to Catch Up in Studies; Many Others Coming to Capital.

Special to The Washington Post.
Annapolis, Md., Dec. 22.—Deficient in scholastic work, approximately 300 midshipmen of the "regiment" of nearly 1,800 were denied Christmas and New Year holidays, and the rest of their Yuletide holiday began at noon today and will extend until evening roll call of New Year's day.

The bulk of the midshipmen were quick to depart to join home folks in various nearby States, while others from remote sections, unable to make a trip home in the limited time, will enjoy the respite in nearby cities.

Washington will be the mecca for a large number and many entertainments have been planned. The stay-at-homes will be privileged to visit in Annapolis and informal dances will be much in evidence.

GAMBLING CHARGES MAY INVOLVE BEARD
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of a party unknown the Kelly woman and Davis were taken into custody by headquarters officers for further investigation. The woman was released last night.

Although reticent to discuss their plans, Harry and Barbara declared they intended to press the charges against Barbour and Fuschini and would consider linking Beard in the case if the strength of Barbour's sworn testimony.

The sensational developments added impetus to the police campaign against gamblers. Maj. Edwin E. Hesse, superintendent of police, stated yesterday that word has been sent to all policemen that gambling must cease.

Grand Duke Nicholas Is Better.
Antibes, France, Dec. 22 (U.P.).—Grand Duke Nicholas, second cousin of the assassinated Czar of Russia, was slightly improved today after several days of critical illness. A bulletin issued tonight said the duke's condition was improved and the inflammation of his lungs had subsided. His heart continued weak.

Children Will Greet Santa Tomorrow at Post Party

3,600 Await Reception in Fox Theater, Where St. Nick, Brought to Capital by Arctic Explorers, Will Preside; Moving Pictures and Surprises Promised.

Tomorrow is the big day for 3,600 boys and girls of Washington who will be the guests of The Washington Post at a Santa Claus party in the Fox Theater. The show is scheduled for 9:45 o'clock in the morning, with the doors open at 9.

The children have been looking forward to meeting Santa at the Fox Theater for some weeks. Daily stories in The Washington Post describing the adventures of the expedition sent to the North Pole to find Santa held the interest of the children for many weeks. When the expedition succeeded in finding Santa the children were overjoyed, and when he was induced to accompany the explorers to Washington it was the high spot of a lifetime for these youngsters.

Seeing St. Nicholas is not the only treat in store for The Post's guests tomorrow morning at the Fox. Every child present will enjoy seeing polar bears on the ice, walrus swimming in the Arctic waters and herds of reindeer grazing in the snow outside Santa's castle.

Other film subjects will make up a splendid show and the Fox Theater management is sparing nothing to give The Post's guests the feeling that they will have had a wonderful day. A Busby and Brown comedy is one of the added attractions, and a comic cartoon also will be shown.

There is more good news in store for the boys and girls, but The Post is not at liberty to publish it now. A "surprise" will be prepared by the Fox Theater which will make the performance one long to be remembered by those who see it.

Each child, or adult accompanying a child must have a ticket in order to see the Monday morning performance, because the attendance is limited to the seating capacity of the Fox Theater, which is 3,600. Only that number of tickets was issued, and they were quickly taken up the first day they were placed for distribution.

Remember, the doors will be opened at 9 o'clock and show will start promptly at 9:45 o'clock.

Don't discard old clothing! Turn it over to the Red Cross. Classified Advertisements under the heading of "Miscellaneous for Sale."

15 Eller Henchmen Pay \$8,000 in Fines

Men Convicted in Chicago's Primary Conspiracy Drop Appeals.

Chicago, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—The election conspiracy case against fifteen henchmen of Morris Eller, twentieth Ward Republican committeeman and party leader, today ended when counsel for the convicted conspirators paid out more than \$8,000 in fines.

This action, writing fins to an extended court fight growing out of alleged terrorism on primary day last April, was taken by the defendants, who decided to abandon plans for new trials. Their motions were withdrawn and the fines paid in cash. The defendants were convicted of kidnapping, assaults and election frauds. Charges of conspiracy to murder Octavius Granado, negro opponent of Eller for ward committeeman, were not upheld.

Eller and his son, Judge Emanuel Eller, were indicted with their henchmen, but obtained separate trials. Their cases are pending.

Death Threats Mailed To Family of Obregon

Mexico City, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Anonymous letters have been received by the late President-elect Obregon's brother, Gen. Jose Obregon, and the latter's son-in-law, Senator Manuel Montoya, threatening them and their families with death unless they intervene to prevent the execution of Jose de Leon Toral, Obregon's assassin.

The letters have been placed in the hands of the police.

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THAT IS CHIEF JOY OF PARACHUTE LEAP

Professional Fliers, However, Oppose Stunt; Mishaps React on Calling.

FEW FIELD ACCIDENTS

By HENRIETTA GEE.
Probably the greatest vicarious thrill which a good showman can offer his public is a parachute jump.

To most of us who scurry around in cities all day long, like so many frightened rabbits, intent on following the kind of routine that will yield the largest pay envelope with the minimum amount of emotional wear and tear, there is something hypnotic about a grotesque bundle that will get into an airplane, go up thousands of feet, walk calmly out onto a wing and deliberately jump earthward when nothing but steady nerves, a thin bit of silk and an inordinate amount of good luck will enable it to reach the ground in safety.

Professional Fliers Oppose It.

It is a performance that awes the most valiant adventurer in the crowd watching below. People stare without speaking, almost without breathing, at the parachute jumper all during the course of his slow descent. Why? Not because they hope he'll fall; nothing could induce the average person to go near an exhibition if the end was certain to be disastrous. However, watching a human being deliberately risk death for the sake of a thrill, or a stake of money, or the approval of the crowd, and then come out alive somehow restores our wavering faith in Santa Claus, Cinderella, or the unexpected legacy that everybody hopes for.

That's the way the conservative layman, huddled on the ground, reacts to exhibition parachute jumping. Professional aviators have quite another viewpoint. They discourage all forms of jumping and stunting, and are excited in a performance reacts badly on their profession. A pilot, they say, must be trained in acrobatics and certainly he must be prepared to jump from his plane in an emergency, but not simply to make a Roman holiday for the crowd. As a vocation parachute jumping seems to be doomed.

Perhaps it never was extremely profitable, but it was one of those free-lance occupations that yielded a maximum of satisfaction, according to both old-timers and the present generation of professionals. Its forerunner was the balloon ascension, the country fair, with a beautiful lady in spangled tights, walking majestically out to the basket of the balloon. Flashed to the ground it swayed daintily above the crowd, and, privileged, indeed, were the small boys who were allowed to sell their best clothes holding their greasy ropes just before the ascension. The excitement prevailed as it arose, flitted away, and the graceful figure descended with her outspread parachute, usually into the meadow nearest the fair grounds.

Now Wears Sports Attire.

Today if a woman is to do a jump she usually wears a smart sport skirt, linen breeches, leather boots and, as an concession to her calling, a helmet. Occasionally she puts on a coverall, and, of course, with the plane she mounts several thousand instead of several hundred feet as was customary in the old balloon ascensions.

In this era she usually has obeyed the mottoes "Roll Your Own Chute" and "Get the Money First." At the occasion still is a country fair, the merchants are expected to advance a considerable sum of money for the privilege of advertising the attraction and also grant the parachute jumper and her partner the right to sell wares to a public emboldened by their exhibition. Usually the blanket fee advanced ranges from \$500 to \$1,000, and for reasons not difficult to understand the money is collected and put in the bank before the stunt takes place.

But if the occasion is merely a normal Saturday or Sunday afternoon at the neighborhood flying field, and the parachute jumper and pilot collect the money in person, the money is apt to range from \$50 to \$100, depending on the willingness of the crowd to part with quarters, halves and dollar bills. If the crowd is not large, when the general, the parachute jumper retails by merely wing walking or hanging from a ladder by the toes, unless, as is often the case, the thrill of the jump compensates him for the lack of financial encouragement.

Thrill Is the Real Secret.

That thrill is the real secret of the parachute jumper's love of his work. In this rather limited profession they still talk about one old-timer who used to enhance the thrill of wing walking and chugging planes in midair by a few cocktails, just before the events took place. The result was that when he hung from the undercarriage of his own plane, he was able to grab for the top of the one passing beneath him. If he missed his grasp at the plane, the sorrow of it all was almost more than he could bear. For ten years he went through every performance with tears running down his cheeks and wracked by sobs. Finally he met death in an airplane accident that was in no way his fault.

The change from the status of an amateur to professional parachute jumper is abrupt. First one must tell fantastic stories of experienced performers who leap from planes and in their excitement fail to pull the cord until within a few hundred feet of the ground. Some of them use the kind of chute which opens while they are still on the wings and drags them off. Others simply step off into space and pull the cord when clear of the plane. Queer accidents happen too, even to the most expert. Not long ago one man alighted quite properly on a railroad track, only to stumble backward over one of the rails, falling and crushing his head on the opposite rail—an injury from which he died almost immediately.

There are few field accidents now, for field managers are extremely careful of ambitious but inexperienced performers. Eager for money, thrill or notoriety, they apply by the hundreds for a chance to take part in the exhibition. One man, an experienced stepple jack, did succeed in climbing up a pole mounted on a plane and sitting there rather precariously through the exhibition of a half hour flight. Stimulated by this feat, another man made application for a pilot and plane to take him aloft so that, dressed in a striped jacket, he could try to change planes in midair. He was refused.

Effect on Humans Is a Factor.

Hanging from ladders attached to airplanes, swinging from the wings by the toes and changing planes in the air are all looked upon as foolish and unnecessary hazards by the expert pilots. Their chief interest in the parachute is as a means of getting themselves out of a plane that is in trouble or perhaps, in time, landing a disabled plane by means of a big parachute. This theory was tested last long ago at Alameda, Calif., when a parachute 92 feet in diameter floated earthward bearing a weight of 3,000 pounds. They also talk of the possibility of landing machine-gun detachments by air during war, as experiments at Brooks Field, Tex., recently showed might be practicable.

The effect upon human beings landed under these conditions is, of course, an extremely important factor to be considered.

STUDENTS WIN BIG NEWS PRIZES



Top, Ray Miller, Central High School, quarterly prize winner. Bottom, Frederic Keough, Jr., Devitt School, and Doris Griffin, Brightwood Junior High School, victors in fifth week of essay writing.

Central High School Boy Wins Place on Post Staff

Quarterly Prize in "Big News" Contest Goes to Ray Miller.

Ray Miller, 3901 Connecticut avenue, a student at Central High School, is the winner of the Washington Post's "Big News" contest quarterly prize.

His essay, "The Sinking of the Vestris," won the first weekly prize for high school students and also the quarterly prize.

The Washington Post also announces the winners of the fifth week prizes in the "Big News" contest. They are Frederic W. Keough, Jr., 3433 P street, of Devitt School, and Doris Griffin, 420 Whittier street northwest, of Brightwood Junior High School.

This pair will receive \$5 each for their essays on the "Big News" of the week of December 9 to 16. The fifth week closes the "Big News" contest with Ray Miller capturing the grand prize.

Best Essay of Entire Contest.

Although it was printed when he won the first weekly high school prize, the winning essay of Ray Miller on "The Sinking of the Vestris" is reprinted today. It is as follows:

"The event that I consider the 'Big News' of the week occurred last Monday morning, when the British liner Vestris sank in the north Atlantic. The disaster is not important merely because a great ship foundered in a spectacular way. The sinking of the Vestris is important because it is the first time in the history of the world that a ship has been lost in a mysterious way. The Vestris was a ship of 10,000 tons, and she was carrying a large number of passengers and crew. She was last seen on December 10, and she has not been seen since. The search for her has been going on ever since, but no one has been able to find her. This is a very strange thing, and it is one of the greatest mysteries of the world. I think that the Vestris was lost because of a combination of factors. First, she was carrying a large number of passengers and crew, and this made it difficult for her to maneuver. Second, she was in a very bad weather, and this made it difficult for her to see. Third, she was in a very bad position, and this made it difficult for her to escape. I think that the Vestris was lost because of these factors, and I think that this is a very sad thing. I hope that the Vestris will be found soon, and I hope that the people who were on her will be safe."

Writes on Bolivia-Paraguay.

For the fifth week Frederic W. Keough's essay on "The Significance of the Bolivia-Paraguay Dispute" won the prize in the high school division. It is as follows:

"At this Christmas season, after 1928 years, it is interesting to note in the news of the preceding week to just what extent the nations of the world are still in the grip of the 'Big News' of the Bolivia-Paraguay Dispute. At the same time Herbert Hoover, President-elect of the United States, is considering the problem of the dispute between the two nations. The dispute is a very old one, and it has been going on for many years. It is a dispute about a small piece of land, but it is a dispute that has caused a great deal of trouble and bloodshed. I think that the dispute is very important, and I think that it is one of the greatest mysteries of the world. I hope that the dispute will be solved soon, and I hope that the people who were on the ships will be safe."

Today we see two apparently civilized nations on the verge of war, if war does not already exist. This is only ten years after the World War, which was Christianity's most recent setback. At the same time Herbert Hoover, President-elect of the United States, is considering the problem of the dispute between the two nations. The dispute is a very old one, and it has been going on for many years. It is a dispute about a small piece of land, but it is a dispute that has caused a great deal of trouble and bloodshed. I think that the dispute is very important, and I think that it is one of the greatest mysteries of the world. I hope that the dispute will be solved soon, and I hope that the people who were on the ships will be safe."

considered. Before men were subjected to this test, the Army was given the sheep before they tore the expensive parachute as they ran about in their terror. Instead the sheep came to earth some little distance from the calculated spot, and calmly began to graze. In fact, they had eaten most of the grass in their immediate neighborhood before the excited surgeons and the soldiers got to them.

To sheep, if not to the rest of us, parachute jumping seems to be the mildest of sports.

WIDOWMAID CONFESSES SLAYING "HUSBAND"

Story They Told at Hospital of Gang Fight Untrue, She Tells Police.

DESERTED REAL SPOUSE

New York, Dec. 22 (N.Y.W.N.S.).—The losing struggle which Mrs. Mae Williams was waging to retain the love of the man who in her own eyes was her real husband, although she acknowledged she simply walked out of the home of her legal spouse three years ago, created an unbearable situation from which, in a moment of rage, she was led to stab him six times with a kitchen knife.

Such is the story which Mrs. Williams, who is 34, told Detective Sheehan tonight when she walked into the West Thirtieth street police station to charge herself with murder.

Herbert Willison, the man with whom she chose to cast her lot, died today in Bellevue Hospital of stab wounds. He was admitted to the hospital early last Thursday.

Accompanied by his common-law wife, they told a story of a gang fight at Eleventh avenue and West Sixth street in which he received his wounds, and from which she assisted him to the hospital. The story seemed to ring true.

Its truth, however, was denied tonight by Mrs. Williams. The actual facts, she says, were these:

Suspecting that their romance, sordid as it may have been, was approaching its end when she was convinced her husband was conspiring with other women, she trailed him shortly after midnight December 20, and found him with a woman. She told Detective Willison she got him back to her home. There they fought and he tried to strangle her, she declared, and she stabbed him, six times, with the kitchen knife, she said.

In his last moments with her in a taxi on the way to Bellevue, she said, he concocted the story of the gang fight, she explained.

Mrs. Williams, who said her legal husband was William Katopos, of Passaic, N. J., by whom she had three children, and whom she deserted three years ago, was employed as a saleslady in a chain store here.

She was held on a charge of homicide for arraignment tomorrow in Jefferson Market Court.

E. P. Ricker, Hotel Chain Owner, Dead

Maine Political Leader Was Sponsor for Carrier of Bert M. Fernald.

Poland Spring, Me., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Edward P. Ricker, hotel owner, died today at the Maine House, of heart disease, after a long illness. He was 81 years old. Mr. Ricker was born May 27, 1847, in the house in which he lived. The Maine House, an unpretentious country tavern, he raised it from a country stopping-off place into the center of the vast hotel organization of today which includes a new hotel at Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Ricker, while not a candidate for political office himself, had been active in political life. He was sponsor for the political career of the late Bert M. Fernald, one of his neighbors, who became United States senator after serving two years as Governor of Maine.

When it was proposed to lower the level of range lakes several years ago, Mr. Ricker developed and led a successful crusade "to save the lakes of Maine." Out of this came a law prohibiting the exportation of hydroelectric power from the State.

Prof. H. B. Fine, 70, Hurt by Auto, Dies

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Prof. Henry Burchard Fine, dean of the department of science at Princeton University, died today in a hospital here after a long illness. He was 70 years old. Prof. Fine was a member of the Princeton faculty since 1881. When Woodrow Wilson relinquished his position as head of the university to become governor of New Jersey in 1910, Prof. Fine, then dean of the faculty, was appointed acting president which post he held until 1912.

MRS. EDWARD ANDERSON RITES

Wife of Rockville Doctor Will Be Buried Tomorrow.

Funeral services for Mrs. Edward Anderson, wife of Dr. Edward Anderson of Rockville, Md., who died Friday at the residence of her son, Dr. J. L. Thompson, 1735 Twentieth street, will be held tomorrow at 10 o'clock at the Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Besides Dr. Thompson, she is survived by a son, Edward Anderson of St. Louis; a daughter, Miss Lola Thompson; and a sister, Miss Lala Lawn.

MRS. ANNIE M. PARKER RITES

Services Will Be Held Tomorrow at Sacred Heart Church.

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie M. Parker, 87 years old, who died Friday at her residence, 786 Park road, will be held at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

Mrs. Parker is survived by a son, William C. Kelly, both of this city.

Rites for J. O. Bobbe

Funeral services for James O. Bobbe, 55 years old, who died Friday at his residence, 3812 Jennifer street, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the residence. The Rev. Henry I. Cooke, rector of St. Ann's Episcopal Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Rock Creek Cemetery.

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Pennland, from Antwerp, due at pier 60, North River, Monday.
Minnewaska, from London, due at pier 56, North River, Monday.
American Banker, from London, due at pier 7, North River, Monday.
Droptin, from Gothenburg, due at pier 57, North River, Monday.
New York, from Hamburg, due at pier 86, North River, Monday.
Moscow, from Southampton, due at pier 56, North River, Monday.
Andania, from Liverpool, due at pier 56, North River, Tuesday.
North River, Tuesday.

Williamsburg Will Be Made Memorial to Spirit of 1776

Clocks Being Turned Back in Restoration Project; More Than 40 Buildings and Homes There Were Erected in Colonial Times—Others to Be Rebuilt.

In Williamsburg, Va., the hands of the clock are being moved backward. Soon a Colonial city, a memorial to the spirit of 1776, will be reestablished in this town, rich in associations of pre-revolutionary days.

Philadelphia, Boston and other centers of historic interest have been swept along with the progress of time, but for the last century and a half—since the State capital was moved to Richmond—Williamsburg has been like a sleeping princess, little changed by time. With less than 2,500 inhabitants, the town has more than 40 buildings and private residences built in Colonial times. These will be restored as nearly as possible to their original condition. Other buildings of importance that existed in early times will be completely rebuilt. There may be over 70 of these.

Modern Things to Be Taken Away.

Everything modern will be taken away—unless the asphalt streets, electric lights and young shade trees will be left for the convenience of those who wish to visit the Virginia shrine. The telegraph wires will be removed, and the sidewalks will again be paved with flagstones. Modern wire and iron fences will disappear, and paling fences and boxwood hedges will be replaced by the original owners will continue their residence in their ancestral homes. Others will be provided with desirable homes elsewhere.

In William and Mary, the second oldest college in the United States, and in the House of Burgesses, Williamsburg trained and sent out such men as George Washington with his revolutionary ideas, Thomas Jefferson, of civil and religious liberty views; Patrick Henry, "the Voice Crying in the Wilderness"; James Monroe, with his international policy; John Marshall, who helped to rivet the "Ship of State"; Benjamin Harrison, Carter Braxton, the Careys, the Randolphs, Thomas Nelson, George Wythe and a host of others.

The College of William and Mary possesses the oldest college building in America, the walls of the original buildings being so substantially built that they have resisted the destructive force of three fires which have swept over it. It is the only building in this country that was designed by Sir Christopher Wren. This Virginia college inaugurated the first use of the electric system by which each student could determine his own course of study. It was the first to use the honor system, and it started the practice of granting medals for excellence in scholarship. It had the first chairs of law, history, political science and modern languages, and it was the birthplace of the first Greek letter fraternity—the Phi Beta Kappa.

The Bruton Parish Church, attended by most of the important men of the colony, was the first to use the electric system in America. Some weathered stones, now used for doorsteps in front of the Blair House, are the remains of the original building in this country. "The Play House," built in 1716 by William Livingston.

Bill of Rights Written There.
The Bill of Rights, incorporated in the Constitution, was written in Williamsburg. The spirit of the Revolution was developed under the leadership of that galaxy of brilliant statesmen, who frequented the Apollo room in the Raleigh Tavern, and were ready to offer a check in the House of Burgesses when a royal governor overstepped the undefined boundaries which were marking for him; and it was in Williamsburg where important campaigns of two were planned—physical contests made inevitable by the clash of the radical opinions.

On the grounds of what was once part of a plantation belonging to Martha Custis are buildings which were a part of the oldest hospital in this country—the second in the world. The Williamsburg Institution provided treatment to try to help remedy the condition of the unfortunate insane. Prior to that asylums were built merely for confinement.

Williamsburg, the oldest incorporated town in the United States, contained the first building for government affairs that was designated a "capitol." It was the suggestion of the son of the first governor of the colony that the term capitol be used for the new Government building.

Protection From Malaria.

The position of the new capital was a narrow ravine on the backbone of New York peninsula, about 14 miles from its predecessor, Jamestown, and about 50 miles from its successor, Richmond. The "higher ground" gave it more protection from malaria and the Indians, with an ocean "fence" by Queen's and Archer's Hope Creek on either side.

The ravine interfered with Gov. Nicholson's first plan of laying out the streets in the form of a monogram of W and M which was to complement the joint sovereigns. Instead the leading street was named to honor Anne's son, the Duke of Gloucester, and the two parallel streets were named Francis and Nicholson—the governor's given and surname. The cross streets intersecting the river three are Nassau, King, Palace and Queen, marking boundaries in the form of a parallelogram which includes the whole of the area of restoration.

The Duke of Gloucester street, which is the heart of Williamsburg, is 100 feet wide and nearly a mile long. It stretches from the Christopher Wren College Hall to the place where stood the House of Burgesses. Near the site of the old capitol still stand the old prison and the office of the clerk of the House of Burgesses. On the right of the Christopher Wren Hall is the President's House, where the presidents of the college have lived since 1782. On the left is Brattleton Hall, the free Indian school, built in 1723. On the east edge of the street is where the Raleigh Tavern stood. Among the beautiful colonial residences left on the Duke of Gloucester street are the Vest House and Paradise House, each with an interesting history. In the restoration plans nearly 100 buildings, of which many are under construction—nearly the whole business section of the town which centers on that main thoroughfare.

The three large public Greens will also be cleared of the buildings added since the Revolution. The restored Court Green will contain only the House of Horn and the Little Colonial Court House.

Most of the Proper Acquired.

The Palace Green, running north from the Duke of Gloucester street, ends at the grounds of the Governor's Palace. All that are left of the original walls that were grouped around the Governor's Palace site are the governor's office and two small brick buildings that were used for the residence of the governor. The site of the Governor's Palace was located "The Play House." The residence of Gov. Page—which is now called Andrey—was the corner of Nicholson street and Wythe House are on the Green.

At the corner of Palace Green and Nicholson street, to the left, is the walled churchyard of Bruton Parish Church. Along the northern boundary of Nicholson street are a number of colonial frame houses, including the Peace House, which figured in the Revolutionary War.

On Francis street is the reputed oldest house in the town; the Chitt House. Here and there are several hip-roofed houses belonging to the past. The colonial home of Peyton Randolph is on Francis street, and from the street a wide avenue leads back to Bassett Hall, the plantation house, which dates back to middle plantation days.

Most of the property along the three most important streets has been acquired, and the control of more than 85 per cent of the town has been placed with the one in charge of the restoration.

The Wholesome Removal of Whole Blocks of Buildings and the Cutting

of a historic past, the replica of buildings long since in dust and ashes, sounds like an Arabian Night tale. All the walled churchyard of Bruton Parish Church is in the hands of the originator of the idea, the Rev. W. A. R. Goodwin, who, while millions have been placed in his hands to demolish and rebuild the town, accepts no fees or commissions.

Al Smith to Keep All His Pet Dogs

Governor Rejects Demands That Deluge Him for Gifts of Canines.

Albany, Dec. 22 (N.Y.W.N.S.).—Gov. Smith is being deluged with requests for his dogs. So heavy has been the demand for the dogs that the stenographic force at the executive department has been working overtime typing replies to Al Smith's admirers, who wish to take pets off his hands.

The news that the governor was disbanding his zoo started the first stream of letters with requests for dogs. When it became known the governor had received two new dogs the requests increased.

Those who are hopeful of getting one of Smith's dogs are asked for a disappointment. The governor had decided to keep all his dogs in the first place. So all those who are asking for the pets are being informed politely that the governor is not going to part with any of his dogs. All the governor needs is the head of a dog for the farm of Representative Parker Cornell until the Smith family has established a new home.

"Handy Andy" will mend it for you. Where will you find him? See the advertisement under the heading of "Personals" in the classified section of today's Post.



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Double-breasted Fancy Vests.....	\$7.50
Hand-tailored Ties.....	\$1 to \$5
Pajamas, plain or fancy.....	\$2 to \$10
Interwoven Hose.....	50c to \$1.50
New Golf Hose.....	\$1 to \$4
Silk Squares.....	\$1.65 to \$10
Sweaters, all types.....	\$3.95 to \$13.50
White Shirts.....	\$1.75 to \$5
Fancy Shirts.....	\$1.95 to \$5
Silk Shirts.....	\$7.50 and \$8.50
Rayon Underwear.....	\$3
Silk Underwear.....	\$5 and \$10
Handkerchiefs.....	25c to \$2.50
Leather Belts.....	\$1 to \$2
Hickory Belts and Sets.....	\$2 to \$6
Suspender Sets.....	\$1 to \$2.50
Full Dress Sets.....	\$2 to \$7.50
Golf Knickers.....	\$4.95 to \$12.50
Hand Luggage.....	\$12.75 to \$35
Leather Billfolds.....	\$1 to \$5
House Slippers.....	\$1 to \$5

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Shoes, high or low.....	\$2.95
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Lumberjacks.....	\$2.95 to \$12.95
Combination Wool and Jersey Suits.....	\$2.95 to \$6.95
Ties, great variety.....	35c to 85c
Blouses and Shirts.....	\$1 to \$2.50
Bath Robes.....	\$4.50
Tim's Caps.....	\$1.50
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Tie and Handkerchief Sets.....	\$1
Belts.....	\$1 and \$1.50
Mufflers.....	\$1 and \$1.50
Belt Sets.....	\$1 and \$2
Initialed Handkerchief Sets.....	75c
Leather Coats.....	\$17.95 to \$25
Sheep-lined Coats.....	\$7.95
Corduroy Sheep-lined Coats.....	\$9.95

THE STORE OF CHRISTMAS SERVICE

CHURCH, PARSONAGE SPRAYED WITH SHOT

Shooting From Speeding Auto
at Lansdowne Is Laid to
Angry Bootleggers.

DENOUNCED BY PASTOR

Baltimore, Dec. 22.—Baltimore County police were searching today for the occupants of a sedan automobile that raced through Laverne avenue early yesterday and sprayed the Lansdowne Methodist Episcopal Church and parsonage with gunfire.

Three of the bullets broke three tall frosted windows in the church and the fourth bullet shattered a window in the parsonage and lodged in an inner door. Members of the family of the pastor, the Rev. Gordon G. Jones, were all asleep upstairs.

The police believe this shooting was done by bootleggers whom the clergyman had antagonized. He spoke from his pulpit Sunday night of a "bootlegging joint" in "Lansdowne and afterward a bootleg resort in the suburb was raided.

Has Been Mild, Says Pastor.
Mr. Jones, however, said today that he has been mild in his preachments for prohibition and against bootlegging. He recalled his mention of a Lansdowne bootleg place in his sermon last Sunday night, but said that as a rule he pleads only for law enforcement of all kinds.

Mr. Jones' home is at 144 Laverne avenue and the church is some little distance away, at the corner of Laverne and Baltimore avenues. It was some time after midnight when the sedan sped through Laverne avenue with gun barrels protruding from its side.

The clergyman, his wife and nine children, most of whom are small, were sleeping and the house was dark. The entire neighborhood was quiet, except for the low drumming of the automobile motor.

Believed It Was Backfire.
The car was traveling south. As it arrived abreast of the parsonage the early morning stillness was cracked by the sharp report of a shot, followed by the crash of glass as the window in the parsonage was split.

Most of the Laverne avenue residents who heard the report concluded it was the backfiring of an automobile. As the night was cold, they did not even bother to investigate, they said. But one did.

William Pyle was still up and said he recognized the crack as the report of a pistol. He ran out of doors, he continued, in time to see the car turning around. It raced north and three more shots were fired as it passed the church.

The car was moving swiftly and the three shots aimed at the church came closely after the one sent at the parsonage, those who heard them said. Mr. Pyle said the sedan's single tail light was out, and he could not see its license plate.

**\$1,000,000 IS GIVEN
TO YOUNG VANDERBILT**

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his attorney, Max D. Steuer. Worthless stocks said to aggregate \$608,000 had been peddled to his friends on the strength of forged guarantees of the erstwhile editor, he learned.

"I think we know the name of the man who has been forging my name to the stock guarantees," Vanderbilt declared. "He is a so-called New York society man and our investigators report he has just fled to Canada."

He had been told this man was able to induce a friend of mine to part with \$20,000 for worthless securities after he had been shown a forged letter in which I was purported to guarantee them."

Young Vanderbilt declared he would pass Christmas on his ranch, 40 miles from Reno, Nev., where he has established a home for his bride, the former Mrs. Mary Weir Logan, of Chicago. Their marriage took place a few hours after the divorce which parted Cornelius and his first wife, the former Rachel Littlejohn, became final.

Checks to be Mailed.
Going into the details of his big Christmas gift, young Cornelius explained that the \$1,000,000 in cash from his father and mother would become available to him on Christmas Eve at the Citizens Trust & Savings Co. in Los Angeles. From there checks will be sent out to those who lost money in the launching of the now defunct Vanderbilt papers in San Francisco, Los Angeles and Miami. It was only a year ago that young Vanderbilt, writing for a paper then employing him, told of Christmas in the Vanderbilt mansion, and declared:

"The memory of many a dreary Christmas spent within the walls of our huge Fifth avenue mansion haunts me to this day. I was so starved for a word of genuine affection that I often bit my lips to keep the tears from my eyes. The atmosphere in the family circle on Christmas was so formal I was never able to express my unhappiness. The affectionate phrases I had on my lips were never uttered, and cold dignity took the place of the loving embrace I had expected."

"The first jar on Christmas Day was the valet's salutation in a frigid voice. 'Time to get up, Master Neil,' and as an after thought—'It is Christmas morning, sir,' also in a frigid tone."

"Every Christmas we were not allowed to speak unless spoken to and were supposed to rest for the strenuous evening ahead."

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Convict Swallows Cameras; Doctors Snapshot Stomach

100 Physicians and Surgeons Assist at Experiment at
Sing Sing That Tests Apparatus for Floodlight
Pictures of Human Interior.

Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Demonstration of a "gastro-camera" which takes pictures of the stomach from the inside was made before 100 physicians and surgeons at Sing Sing Prison tonight with a convict as the "volunteer."

One of the doctors who arranged the demonstration said that the invention was expected to be of great aid in the study and treatment of cancer and stomach disorders.

The camera is the invention of Franz Gerard of Vienna, Austria. Dr. Lawrence Cremin, a specialist, of Ossining, was in charge of the demonstration. Alexander Volero, a 40-year-old prisoner from Brooklyn, serving a sentence of 20 years to life for swallowing the camera. He was selected because he recently had been operated on for a gastric ulcer and

the doctors wished to see how the wounds had healed.

The apparatus used consists of a rubber tube about 25 inches long and about five-eighths of an inch in diameter. About 2 inches from the end of the hollow tube, which is shoved down the throat, is a small cylinder-shaped camera, 2 inches long and about half an inch in diameter, equipped with tiny lens and tiny films. Just above the camera a short section of the tube is perforated, and through it at this point inclosed in quartz glass runs a fine wire. This wire, when the camera is operated, lights up like the wire in an ordinary electric lamp, only more brilliantly.

Just above the perforated part of the rubber tube is another camera of the same type and size as the bottom one. When the plunger is pressed the wire flares, a floodlight illuminates the stomach and the picture is snapped. The tube is then withdrawn through the throat.

There are eight films in each camera which, combined, would not be larger than a postage stamp. With the one "shot" sixteen different sections of the stomach are photographed on the

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Finger Prints Bare Records Of Postoffice Applicants

Numerous men with bad records who sought jobs at the Washington postoffice during the Christmas rush period were discovered through finger print records, Civil Service Commission officials revealed yesterday.

Among typical cases cited by commission officials was one of an applicant who was an inmate of the reformatory at Cheshire, Conn., in 1925 for burglary and larceny; a second arrested in 1917 for false pretenses, and a third arrested at Pasadena, Calif., in 1920, for passing bad checks; at Oakland, Calif., the same year for embezzlement, and at Dallas, Tex., in 1925, for theft. Each time he gave a different name.

Many others with police records were found among applicants through finger prints. The full value of the system is not shown by the number apprehended, commission officials explained, but by the fact that most men with criminal records fail to apply when they learn they are to be finger printed.

The commission's finger printing system is now being applied in 250 cities, including Washington, and, when the means are provided by Congress, all persons who are considered for classified civil service will be finger printed.



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26 35c quality, reduced to 29c
18 50c quality, reduced to 39c
22 75c quality, reduced to 59c

9 Handkerchiefs of fine all-silk crepe "tied and dyed"; sold for \$1.50. Now \$1.15

12 Japanese Silk Handkerchiefs in hand block designs, rolled edges; sold for \$1.00. Now 79c

7 Finest French Linen, hand rolled edges, beautiful designs and colors; were \$1.50 and \$2.00. Now \$1.29

21 of the famous Pyramid English woven Handkerchiefs; were 50c. Now 39c

Scarfs

7 Beautiful Rayon Scarfs, block dyed; sold for \$2.95. Now \$1.69 each

9 Scarfs in black and blue on white, checks and fancy designs; sold for \$2.85. Now \$1.89 each

5 Heavy Shantung Silk Scarfs, hand block design in beautiful colorings; were \$4.95. Now \$2.98 each

7 Heavy Satin Brocade, Persian design, dark colorings; were \$5.95. Now \$3.98 each

42 Eagle Crepe Scarfs, white, gray, and tan; sold for \$1.65. Now \$1.39, 3 for \$4.00

Windbreakers

Tan, gray, brown and black leather and suede; almost all styles, colors and sizes in each lot:

5 Brown and Black Leather; sold for \$11.95. Now \$9.85

6 Tan and Gray Suede; sold for \$11.95. Now \$9.85

3 Gray and Tan, with turn-down collars; sold for \$14.95. Now \$11.95

2 Cloth and Leather Golf Coats, one size 36, one size 42; sold for \$22.50. Now \$13.85

4 Light Tan, fine suede windbreakers; sold for \$16.50. Now \$13.85

2 Tan Suede Jackets; sold for \$19.50. Now \$14.95

Odds and Ends for Gifts

1 Malacca Folding Cane in leather case; was \$15.00. Now \$11.95

25 Gold Plate Bill Clips, nearly all initials; were \$2.00. Now \$1.15

3 Combination Flask and Mixing Sets; were \$10.50. Now \$6.98

2 Traveling Clocks, Venetian leather cases; were \$12.00. Now \$8.95

1 Traveling Clock, hand sewed cowhide case; was \$10.00. Now \$7.65

1 Desk Clock, red enamel frame; was \$7.50. Now \$4.95

2 Flasks, leather covered; were \$5.00. Now \$3.98

6 Key Chains, soldered links; were \$2.00. Now \$1.39

3 Cigarette Boxes, enameled in brilliant colors; were \$1.50. Now 98c

2 Ash Trays, art glazed pottery with nickel trim; were \$1.95. Now 98c

1 Ash Tray, art bronze; was \$8.95. Now \$5.95

1 Cigarette Box, art bronze; was \$9.00. Now \$5.95

1 Cigar and Cigarette Box, art bronze; was \$25.00. Now \$16.95

1 Ink Well Desk Tray, Lion's head design; was \$4.95. Now \$3.69

1 Ash Tray Set; was \$1.00. Now 69c

3 Ash Tray Stands of wrought iron; were \$6.95. Now \$4.98

6 Cigarette Lighters, Wales make, leather covered; were \$7.50. Now \$3.85

8 Cigarette Lighters, Wales make in platinum finish; were \$5.00. Now \$2.85

4 Cigarette Lighters and Cigarette Case Combinations, enameled in colors; were \$8.00 and \$10.00. Now \$5.98

2 Cigarette Lighters and Cigarette Case Sets, Morocco leather; were \$10.00. Now \$5.98

1 Dress Set, studs, links, vest buttons and cigarette lighter, Mother of Pearl; sold for \$20.00. Now \$12.98

2 Cigarette Cases, Venetian leather; were \$5.00. Now \$3.95

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Golf Hose

Plain colors and fancy designs of many patterns, sizes 10 to 12; not all patterns in all sizes:

15 pairs; sold for \$2.50. Now \$1.79.

2 pairs for \$3.50

12 pairs; sold for \$3.50. Now \$2.69.

2 pairs for \$5.00

14 pairs; sold for \$5.00. Now \$3.95.

2 pairs for \$7.50

5 pairs; sold for \$7.50. Now \$5.98

6 pairs; sold for \$10.00. Now \$7.69

Belts

19 Pigskin Belts, black or tan; sold for \$1.50. Now \$1.00

11 Assorted Braided Leather Belts; sold for \$2.50. Now \$1.39.

20 Initial Buckles and Belts, enameled and silver plated buckles; sold for \$1.85. Now \$1.29

9 Black Cowhide Belts with silver plated buckles; sold for \$2.50. Now \$1.69

Neckties

Mostly one of a pattern. There are colors and styles that will make unusually nice gifts:

88 Ties; sold for \$1.00. Now \$.85

45 Ties; sold for \$1.50. Now \$1.15

27 Ties; sold for \$2.00. Now \$1.59

33 Ties; sold for \$2.50. Now \$1.89

21 Ties; sold for \$3.00. Now \$2.29

28 Ties; sold for \$3.50. Now \$2.69

22 Ties; sold for \$5.00 and \$6.00. Now \$3.79

Shirts

86 Madras and Broadcloth in colored stripes and fancy designs; sold from \$1.95 to \$2.95; all sizes 14 to 17. Not all patterns in all sizes, \$1.69 each; 3 for \$5.00

18 Radium and Truho Silk Shirts, assorted plain colors; sold from \$6.95 to \$10.00; few slightly soiled from handling during the Christmas rush. Your choice, \$4.95

22 Self-figured English Broadcloth, in small self figure designs, an extra quality shirt; sold for \$5.00. An amazing bargain at \$3.45

Socks

134 Pairs Wear Resist and other well known brands of silk and lisle and rayon and lisle hose in beautiful color combinations, stripes up and down and around, plaids and other fancy patterns; sizes 9½ to 12; sold for 75c and \$1.00. Now 49c, 3 pairs for \$1.35

28 Pairs All-Wool Socks in diamond and other patterns; sizes 10 to 12; were \$1.65. Now \$1.35, 3 pairs for \$4.00

21 Pairs All-Wool Socks of beautiful designs; were \$1.00 a pair. Now 89c

Pajamas

Plain colors, stripes and fancy designs, with and without collars, broadcloths, satens and silks, all sizes but not all patterns in each size:

32 Pajamas; were \$1.95. Now \$1.69, 3 for \$5.00

21 Pajamas; were \$2.95. Now \$2.19, 3 for \$6.00

17 Pajamas; were \$3.50. Now \$2.69, 3 for \$7.50

14 Pajamas; were \$5.00. Now \$3.69, 3 for \$10.50

5 Silk Pajamas; were \$10.00. Now \$7.39

4 Silk Pajamas; were \$15.00. Now \$10.69

2 Silk Pajamas; were \$16.50. Now \$12.69

1 Black Silk Pajama; was \$20.00. Now \$13.95

Sweaters

All-wool Sweaters, slip-on and coat styles, plain colors and fancy weaves; not all sizes in each lot:

7 Sweaters; sold for \$8.00. Now \$4.95

4 Sweaters; sold for \$11.95. Now \$9.35

3 Coat Sweaters; sold for \$8.00. Now \$6.79

Tie and Handkerchief Sets

16 Tie and Handkerchief Sets, plain color silks and printed foulards; sold for \$1.50. Now \$1.15

Lumberjack Shirts

5 Shirts with web bottoms; were \$6.00. Now \$2.95

Robes

4 Beacon Blanket Robes with slippers to match; sold for \$6.95. Now \$5.85

8 Fine Brocade Robes, satin collars, assorted colors; sold for \$10.50. Now \$8.85

3 Brocade Lounging Robes, sold for \$15.00. Now \$12.85

2 Moire Robes, plain colors, with contrasting satin collar; sold for \$15.00. Now \$12.85

3 Heavy Brocade Robes; sold for \$19.50. Now \$14.85

2 Robes, of fine heavy weight brocade; sold for \$22.50. Now \$17.95

1 Robe of heavy brocade with quilted satin lining, slippers to match; sold for \$29.50. Now \$22.50

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REBELS AT KABUL REPULSED, IS BELIEF

Fighting Reported Continuing in Vicinity of the Capital of Afghanistan.

LOYAL TROOPS VICTORS

Pesawar, India, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Fighting was going on today in the vicinity of Kabul, capital of Afghanistan. It is believed that the rebels were repulsed. Communications were restored this afternoon between this city and the British Legation just outside Kabul, which apparently had been within the sphere of military operations during the last few days.

All is quiet in Dacca City, but Jalalabad still is closely besieged. The disorders in the vicinity of the capital have prevented the relief of Jalalabad.

The Sikhs at Lalpura brought their sacred book, the Granth Sahib, here today for safe keeping.

New Delhi, India, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—The Afghan government has agreed that the British air force shall remove all British and Indian women and children from the legation at Kabul tomorrow.

London, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—The Afghan Legation here announced this afternoon that the rebels of that country had been driven from the heights near Kabul and that all roads leading to King Amanullah's capital had been cleared. The statement said that the loyal troops had pursued the rebels some 35 miles north of Kabul.

The general position of the government forces has become very strong and the whole situation, especially in Kabul and the eastern provinces, has been greatly improved. Airplane service was resumed yesterday when a machine left Kabul for Tashkent.

California Man Denies Coolidge Appointment

Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—William John Cooper, retiring State Superintendent of Public Instruction, today denied a report originating yesterday in Bakersfield to the effect that he had announced his appointment as United States Commissioner of Education.

Cooper said that he paid an official visit to Lawrence E. Chenoweth, Bakersfield Superintendent of City Schools and the supposed source of yesterday's dispatch, but that he gave Chenoweth no information concerning the appointment. Recommended to President Coolidge by Senators Hiram W. Johnson and Samuel M. Shafter of California for the federal post, he has been under consideration for two months, Cooper said, but he repeated that he had received no word of confirmation.

Fine Apples to Grace Coolidge's Yule Table

Special to The Washington Post.
Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 22.—The finest specimens of West Virginia apples were sent from here today to the White House to adorn the table of the President and Mrs. Coolidge on Christmas Day. The apples were presented by Representative Frank L. Bowman, of this district, and were grown in an orchard once owned by a predecessor of Mr. Bowman, George M. Bowers.

Representative Bowman also sent packages of select varieties of apples to Everett Sanders, the President's private secretary; Speaker Nicholas Longworth and Representative Tilson, of Connecticut.

Petersburg Baby First To Die of Flu in Month

Special to The Washington Post.
Petersburg, Va., Dec. 22.—One death from influenza, that of an infant, was reported here today from this cause in the last month. Dr. R. A. Martin, city health officer, said influenza in epidemic form evidently was prevalent in Petersburg, but that the outbreak was of a mild type.

Only two deaths from pneumonia have been registered here in the last month. Development thus far should not cause the least alarm, Dr. Martin stated.

Virginia to Distribute Mexican Partridges

Special to The Washington Post.
Richmond, Va., Dec. 22.—Ten thousand Mexican partridges have been purchased by the State of Virginia and are being offered to owners of private hunting reserves at the same price the commonwealth paid for the birds.

Distribution, which is in the hands of the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, will be prorated on a basis of 100 to each county and consigned in lots of not less than 25.

ROMAN BEAUTY



Associated Press Photo.
GIOVANNI SEILING,
Who for the third time in as many years has been voted "the most beautiful woman in Rome."

HOPES GROWING DIM FOR PAIR IN CANYON

Search for the Hydies, Who Dared River in Scow, Is Pressed Vigorously.

SHORE TO BE EXPLORED

Grand Canyon, Ariz., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Grand Canyon River has claimed the lives of Glenn Hyde, of Hansen, Idaho, and his bride, grew today as searchers continued a hunt for the adventurous pair who set out two months ago in an attempt to navigate the Grand Canyon in a home-made scow.

A searching party working through the lower regions of the canyon sent word here that no trace of footprints had been found in the mantle of snow about the rim of the great gorge. It had been hoped that the snow might tell the tale of the disappearance of the Hydies after Army aviators had sighted their scow, slightly damaged and with its provisions intact, on a jagged rock early this week.

If the couple escaped death in the swirling waters it is thought they may have been able to climb on the rim of the canyon and set out through the almost uninhabited desert for aid. The other hope is that they may be found stranded and alive somewhere in the depths of the canyon. The Hydies were last seen at Bright Angel Trail November 18, when they cast off to dare the remaining stretch of the river down to Needles, Calif.

A boat party headed by C. C. Francis from Peach Springs was expected to reach Havasu Creek tomorrow, where the Hydies were believed to have been sent to meet it. From there the party will attempt to reach the Hyde scow 13 miles below Diamond Creek.

Another party, headed by Emory Kolb, who with his brother made the first navigation of the Colorado, is en route to Diamond Creek, where a boat will be constructed and an effort will be made to float down to the scow. Further search of the canyon by Army fliers was expected following receipt of word that Secretary Davis, of the War Department, had authorized a continuation of the flights which resulted in locating the couple's boat.

Autumnal days hold a special appeal to those who love to get out in the open. Enjoy them fully in your own car. Cars to fit every income are advertised today in Post Classified Ads under "Automobiles for Sale."

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Certainty of Purity
Few dairies all over the country are as strict in sanitary conditions as is the Chestnut Farms Dairy. There is your guarantee of purity in the dairy products which you get from this largest, finest dairy in the city. Our laboratory tests our products as they come from the farm and as they leave the dairy. No milk comes into our plant that fails to come up to our rigid requirements.

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Christmas Pardon Policy Eliminated

Justice Department May Act on Parole Application of T. W. Miller.

(Associated Press.)
Convicts in Federal prisons who hoped Santa Claus would bring them pardons are going to be disappointed this year, for the Department of Justice yesterday announced that the practice of recommending Christmas pardons had been abolished.

It has been the practice of the department to permit warden of Federal penal institutions to recommend a few convicts for pardons at Christmas, but the practice, it was said, was abused. The department said the only application for parole before Attorney General Sargent which might be acted on before the holidays is the recommendation of the parole board that Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, be granted his freedom. It was believed, however, that the routine work in connection with Miller's parole could not be completed in time to be approved by the Attorney General before next week.

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Every Ingersoll is guaranteed to keep accurate time. All models are strongly built to stand rough usage. They are made of gold, silver, and steel.

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A charming set consisting of a Mello-Glo Face Powder and a lovely loose powder vanity. The combination is especially priced at \$1.00.

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Gray's Delicious Fruit Cake

3 Lbs., \$1.98

Packed in Attractive Metal Container

3 lbs. of delicious fruit cake simply "chock full" of nuts and fruits—baked just right. Your family and friends will be delighted with your choice of a Gray's Fruit Cake. One piece insistently calls for another. The price has been set extremely low for a fruit cake of this quality.

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\$8 Eastman Hawk-Eye Camera

Extra Special . . \$5.98

Here is a camera that is small enough to be pocket fitting, inexpensive enough for almost any purse—yet complete and proficient in every respect.

This No. 2 Hawk-Eye, Model B, makes clear distinct pictures, size 2 1/4 x 3 1/4. Manufactured by the Eastman Kodak Company which is definite assurance of its superb quality.

A camera will make an appropriate gift for anyone. At the special price of \$5.98, you save 25%. A real bargain, isn't it?

FREE!

With each of these cameras purchased at the special price of \$5.98 you will receive one roll of film without extra charge.

A Pure Wholesome Candy for the Kiddies

Hershey's Milk Chocolate Kisses

1 1/2 Pound Box 59c

Holiday Box, containing one and one-half pounds of Hershey's Kisses. These are pure sweet milk chocolate drops, wrapped in foil to keep them fresh. A welcome addition to your supply of Christmas candies.

Select Gifts for the Little Folks from our Large Assortment

MECHANICAL TOYS . . 25c to \$10.98

LOVELY DOLLS . . . 49c to \$4.98

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Noma Tree Light Sets, \$1.25 to \$16.98.

Noma Light Reflectors, box of 8 23c.

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to delight the Kiddies~

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Mothers and daddies will like to shop in our stores where interesting toys and lovely dolls are attractively displayed to make selections easier—and remember, you save money on toys at Peoples.

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The wild fireman is making every effort to reach the fire, but his machine turns and twists every way. The fireman on the ladder is in a dangerous position with his ladder moving round and round.

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All metal pool tables with playing surface covered with felt. Complete with balls and cues of perfect size for the table. Any youngster would get hours of fun from one of these tables.

Mechanical Train Sets \$4.98

A mechanical train set run by a spring consisting of track, locomotive, tender, two cars, waiting room, signals and tunnel. Lots of fun and at the same time educational.

"Sonny" Moving Van \$5.49

"Sonny" toys are large and built of heavy metal to stand knocks and abuse indefinitely. Modeled after a real moving van.

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This toy is sure to bring a lot of joy to every little kiddie. Painted in bright colors with strong spring mechanism. The funniest thing on four wheels.

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A small reproduction of a real dump truck. Sturdily built of heavy metal to last "Sonny" boys a long time. Enamel in bright colors.

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BOTH SIDES OF SEVENTH STREET AT K THE CHRISTMAS ECONOMY STORE

Men's Regular \$1.50 95c
Leather Wallets

Three-fold Leather Wallets, in black pin seal finish, with pass case and bill compartment. Guaranteed gold plate mountings.
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Great variety of beautiful styles.

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On Umbrellas at \$7.95 and up.

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All Toilet & Dresser Sets,

25% OFF!

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Sewing and Work Boxes

20% OFF!

Fitted and unfitted styles, from \$1.00 up.

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For the Last Day!

All Men's Blanket Robes

25% OFF!

From \$6.95 to \$14.95. Deduct one-fourth from the marked price.

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All Boys' Play Suits

33 1-3 OFF!

Cowboy, Indian, Police, Fireman, Rough Rider or Traffic Cop.

Boys' Department, Third Floor.

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Imported Metal Brocade Shawls

50% OFF!

Were \$6.00; now \$3.00. Gorgeous metal brocade designs.

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Give Her Hosiery!

"Humming Bird" Chiffon Silk Hose \$1.95 pair

Women's Full-Fashioned Chiffon Silk Hose. Silk from top to toe with the new narrow punch heel and plect top. Shown in all the new and leading shades for Fall and Winter wear. Every pair guaranteed to give satisfactory results. Every pair put in a fancy Humming Bird Xmas Box.

\$1.65 Chiffon Silk Hose \$1.15 pair

Women's Full-Fashioned Chiffon Silk Hose. Silk from top to toe reinforced heel, toe and sole, of silk with lisle interlining. Shown in the fashionable shades of rose taupe, all baby, wrought iron, tita, boulevard, dust marrow, etc. Perfect quality.

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Full-Fashioned Chiffon silk hose. Silk from top to toe, with black or self color heel. Shown in gun metal, misty moon and Everglow. All perfect quality.

Blue Crane Silk Hose The Guaranteed Stocking!

Your choice of service or sheer weights. Sheer are silk from top to toe. Service, with narrow lisle garter welt. Every pair guaranteed to your satisfaction. In all the new popular colors. Suitably boxed for gifts.

Christmas Rug Reductions!

\$39.50 Seamless Axminster Rugs \$25

Alex. Smith & Sons or Sanford makes. 9x12 ft. large room size. Handsome new 1929 Chinese and Persian designs included.

\$9.75 and \$10.75 Gold Seal Congoleum Rugs

Heavy grade Felt Base Rugs. Handsome wool rug or tile patterns with artistic borders. Good colorings for any room in the house. 9x12 ft. or 13x10 ft.

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Oval shape worsted Velvet Rugs. Sizes 27x48, Alex. Smith Axminster or Fringed Velvet. Chinese or Persian designs. 27x51.

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15x27 Axminster Rugs. Beautiful colorings and patterns. 2 ft. x 3 ft. heavy grade oval shape rug rugs. 3x6 ft. stenciled designs. Crex and other grass rugs.

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Boys' Clothing—The Practical Gift!

Boys' \$10.95 to \$15 Suits, Overcoats, Leather Coats \$9.75

2 Pants Suits in a variety of dressy mixture. Some with two golf pants, others with two long pants. 7 to 18 years.

All-wool plaid lined Chinchilla and fancy mixtures Coats. 3 to 18 years.

Black Leather Coats, wool lined. Also some Mackinaws and Leatherette coats. 8 to 16 years.

FREE! Movie Tickets

To all children accompanied by parents in our Boys' Dept. tomorrow.

Boys' \$1.50 to \$2.50 Bell Shirts

Imported Broad-cloth and fancy rayon mixture. White and colored patterns. 12 to 14½ neck. \$1.00

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The Majority Are Perfect—Some Slight Irregulars

Christmas only ONE day off—and this opportunity to purchase regular \$1.79 to \$2.50 shirts for one dollar! These values are made possible by our recent purchase of the surplus stock of a noted shirt manufacturer, at tremendous discounts! Colors guaranteed fast—if a shirt fades, bring it back! Styles include: Stiff or soft collar attached. Plain neckband styles. Neckband style, with one or two separate collars. All sizes, 13½ to 18; all regular sleeve lengths.

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Imported and Domestic Madras
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A Practical Gift for Any Home

Heavy rich, lustrous quality in brocade designs, scalloped edges. In rose, blue, gold, orchid and green. Size 80x105.

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Extra large size, 86x108. Floral patterns in rose, blue, gold, orchid and green with scalloped edges.

69 Lace Edge Pillowcases 75c pair

Medallion inserts, hand torn and ironed; each pair neatly boxed.

39c Bleached Pillowcases 29c

Made of fine quality pillowcase cotton.

\$2.50 Heavy 81x103 Crinkle Bedspreads \$1.89

Scalloped edges. Fast colors in rose, blue, gold, orchid and green.

Women's Rayon Sets \$1.95

Vests and Bloomers to match in pastel shades.

Women's Rayon Step-ins and Panties 50c

In pink and peach. Goldenberg's—Main Floor—Charge Accounts Invited.

Handkerchiefs for Everyone

39c and 50c Women's Handkerchiefs

Three in box for 29c. Fancy boxed. Large assortment of pretty and novel patterns. Lawns, Swisses, Dimples.

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Good quality, pure white, soft linen finish. Pretty embroidered initials. Box of six.

50c Men's Silk Handkerchiefs 29c

Fancy bordered hemstitched, hemmed and rolled edge borders. Assortment of attractive and novel patterns.

39c Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs

Three in box \$1.00. Men's white linen initial handkerchiefs.

25c to 29c Kiddy Boxed Handkerchiefs 19c

White and colored styles. Novelty embroidered corner patterns. Three in box.

Women's 25c Silk Pongee Handkerchiefs 15c

Hand-drawn thread effects, neatly made, with hemstitched borders.

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"Undies"

The Feminine Gift

Silk Undies \$2.98

Silk crepe, heavy grade, chemise or teddy and new gowns. Lace trimmed, simple, tailored in flesh, nile, peach and Lido blue.

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Teddy, dance sets and step-ins in flesh, nile, white and peach. Lace trimmed, also tailored and embroidered. A large selection.

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Also wool flannel down in light colors. Silk braid trimmings. Large variety of samples.

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All the new wanted shapes and colorings. Made of rayon fallie trimmed with ruffles of rayon flowers or metal braid.

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3.00 to \$4.00 Silk Fringe Panel Curtains \$1.95

Quaker and other makes. Fillet Scotch or Shadow weaves with neat or heavy worked designs. 2½ yards long. Guaranteed to launder.

\$1.50 Cottage Curtains 69c set

7-piece set consisting of pair of curtains, for upper and lower sash. Valance and tie-backs. Embroidered figures in corners of each curtain. Neatly made.

Goldenberg's—Fourth Floor—Charge Accounts Invited.

Mr. Drob, Buyer of Men's Clothing, Says— "Spruce up for Christmas and pocket these splendid values."

OVERCOATS

\$19.50 \$23.50 \$29.50

Warm, good-looking Overcoats of a quality seldom approached at these moderate prices! Judges of overcoat value will agree they are exceptional in every way.

Tailored from fabrics that are new and attractive in pattern and color. Double breasted, single breasted, Chesterfield and Box models. Browns, Oxfords, Grays, Mixtures—and PLENTY OF BLUES. All sizes.

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Variety to satisfy every man. In materials of desirable patterns and colors. You'll admire the styling and marvel at the low price! Our system of big volume and low mark-up brings you real savings! All sizes.

Winship Blues \$33.50

Be good to yourself this Christmas and appear in a "Winship Blue" Suit! They are clothes that mark a man as well dressed, because of the skillful tailoring built into the fine fabrics. Young men's models and conservative styles.

Jewelry 48c

Assorted lot of necklaces and chokers. Crystal Jeweled, Pearl and novelty effects. All wanted colors, vast assortment of styles. Attractively boxed.

Goldenberg's—Main Floor—Charge Accounts Invited.

\$10.00 Ten-Piece Toilet Sets \$6.98

Pearl on Shell and Pearl on Amber, plain and decorated styles. White and colors, attractive shapes. Finely finished pieces, including large mirror, hair brush, puff box, hair receiver and manicure pieces.

Goldenberg's—Main Floor. Charge Accounts Invited.

Brush, Comb and Mirror Sets \$3.95

Pearl on Amber, Pearl on Shell, Ivory effects. Large, substantially made pieces, attractive shape. White and colors.

\$1.00 Children's Three-Piece Pearl Toilet Sets 69c

Modeled pearl effects. Mirror, brush and comb with gold decorations. Neatly boxed.

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Have You Forgotten Someone?

Suggestions From Our LINEN DEPARTMENT

7-piece all linen Luncheon Sets, \$2.49

7-piece all linen Hemstitched Dinner Sets, \$3.95

7-piece all linen Breakfast Sets, \$1.00

72x90 lovely Pattern Cloths, \$1.69

54x54 all linen Luncheon Cloths, \$1.49

64-inch all linen Table Damask, \$1.39

72-inch satin finish Table Damask, \$1.39

18-inch hemstitched linen Damask Napkins, 6 for \$1.98

5-piece hand-embroidered linen Bridge Set, \$1.25

Embroidered "Fruit of Loom Colored Pillowcases pair, \$1.25

All Bath Mats and Turkish Towels at reduced prices.

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STATIONERY Is a Welcome Gift

\$1.25 Initial Stationery 29c Box

Nearly all initials, buff and gray only. 50 sheets of paper with 50 envelopes.

89c and 75c Boxed Stationery 59c Box

One-quatre boxes, with lined envelopes. Colors Jade and Crab-apple.

50c Boxed Stationery 37c Box

White and colors, some with lined envelopes.

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Direct Entrance From K Street and Seventh St.

HOME AND KIN FAIL TO DISPEL AMNESIA

Georgia Man Does Not Recall
Familiar Surroundings on
Visit for Christmas.

WAS LOCATED IN TEXAS

Macon, Ga., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Tom Scott Goolbsy, 22 years old, awoke this morning in a bed in the room in which he had slept for years, at his home where he resided during his youth, and surrounded by his parents and relatives, but he did not remember the familiar surroundings nor the faces of his nearest kin because he still is suffering from amnesia, which has afflicted him nearly two years.

Goolbsy dropped from view July 23, 1927, and his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Goolbsy, of Forsyth, Ga., near Macon, spent a large sum in a nationwide search, which ended recently when their son was found and identified in Tyler, Tex., where he held a responsible position with a large firm and went by the name of J. C. Morrison.

When greeted by his parents and confronted by undisputed evidence of his identity, young Goolbsy said he did not remember the faces of his father and mother and could recall no events of his life prior to a sudden awakening shortly after the date of his disappearance on the water front at New Orleans. Goolbsy said he was suffering from a wound of the head when he became conscious.

A stranger befriended him in New Orleans, Goolbsy declared, and suggested that he adopt the name of J. C. Morrison. The original Morrison, the stranger had informed him, was the son of a physician of Miami, Fla., and had been lost at sea.

Goolbsy went to Texas later and resided in Tyler until his parents appeared. Dr. and Mrs. Goolbsy accompanied their son to their home to spend the Christmas holidays, believing this would cause a restoration of memory, but the familiar surroundings had no effect on him.

Name in Death Notice Nets Georgia Fugitive

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—To a funeral notice listing his name as a survivor John F. Walsh can attribute a leading encounter with the law. Walsh had operated an "employment agency" here in 1922, requiring applicants for positions to deposit from \$100 to \$200. He left after a short time and was indicted for taking the money with him. Recently Mrs. Mary Pinson, who alleged she had been victimized of \$200, read in a local paper the announcement of a death in which the name of John F. Walsh was listed as a survivor. She communicated with the authorities who found him in Warwick, R. I. Walsh pleaded guilty in court here today, was fined \$250 and sentenced to serve 12 months. The latter sentence was suspended when he agreed to make restitution.

Sunday School Tree, Decorated, Is Stolen

Atlanta, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Another candidate for the meanness thief has qualified here. He is the man who made off with a Christmas tree which the Sunday school of Central Presbyterian Church had decorated lavishly and placed in readiness to shed gifts on its child members.

Thursday night was to have been the festive occasion. Committee members left the tree in the church for less than an hour to bring in the gifts. When they returned only a trail of time was left to show where the thief had dragged the tree away.

Trawler, With 25 Men, Believed Lost in Gale

Halifax, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—A dispatch to the Halifax Chronicle from St. Pierre today said that owners of the French trawler Pacificque feared the vessel with its crew of 25 went down in a storm off Cape St. Mary.

One of the ship's lifeboats containing a body was found yesterday at Ship Cove, Placentia Bay.

ACTOR IN PLAY



ARTHUR B. WHITE,
Widely known Washington actor who will enact the role of Marral in "A New Way to Pay Old Debts," which will be staged tomorrow night at the Chevy Chase School.

\$1,000,000 Gift Offer To College Withdrawn

Minneapolis, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Because at no time in the last four years has the University of Minnesota indicated whether it would accept a proposed \$1,000,000 gift from the Rockefeller Foundation, that organization has withdrawn the offer. The gift was offered the State university in 1924 to establish a medical center here, combining the work of both the University Hospital and the Minneapolis General Hospital.

Decision of the Rockefeller Foundation was contained in a letter today from President Lotus B. Coffman, of the university, to the local Board of Public Welfare. The letter quoted Dr. George E. Vincent, president of the foundation, and former president of the University of Minnesota, pointing out that failure to accept the offer had resulted in its withdrawal.



What Chance has a Septic Child?

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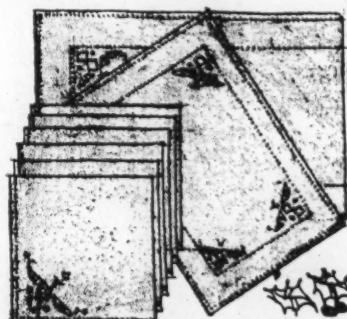
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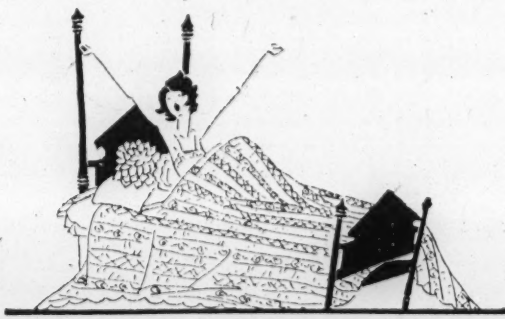
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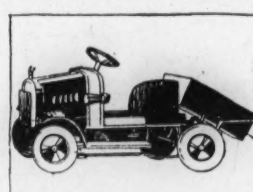
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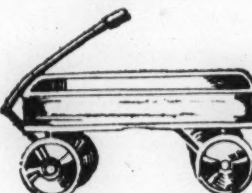
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AT THE CHESS TABLE

By WILLARD H. MUTCHER.
The text of a letter written by World Champion Alekhine to former champion J. R. Capablanca appeared in full in the December 16 issue of the Herald Tribune and throws further light on the present status of a championship match. The letter reads:

"Having accepted, in principle, the challenge of E. D. Bogoljubow, under date of August 29 last, for a match to take place in 1929, I regret that I can not now consider the proposition of another match for the championship. I shall from now on keep your letter in mind and at the same time write to Mr. Bogoljubow giving him until January 15, 1929, to let me know whether or not he will accept the challenge provided for under the rules of London, 1922.

"In case these guarantees should not be forthcoming, I would hold myself ready, after the above mentioned date (January 15, 1929), to accept your challenge on the exact basis of the regulations of London, 1922. In order to avoid a misunderstanding of any kind, I may add that a match between us should not take place before the second half of 1929. In fact, my match with Mr. Bogoljubow should take place and I should be fortunate enough to retain my title (to the championship). I would then be ready to accept your challenge, after the end of that encounter."

At last reports the Alekhine-Bogoljubow negotiations were regarded as doubtful. Bogoljubow, it appears, has been depending largely upon the expected financial backing of the chess clubs of the recent Bag Kissingen tournament. The managers of this tournament have now definitely decided to make no appropriations for matches or tournaments for the coming year. Bogoljubow must needs therefore seek further, and quickly. Somewhere, he must raise a purse of \$10,000. In the meantime, Capablanca proceeds calmly and is about to accept an invitation to participate in an international masters tournament at Ramsgate, England, during Easter. One of Capablanca's games from the recent Kissingen tournament is appended. Rubinstein, his opponent, was once regarded as a logical contender for similar honors but in recent years has lost prestige. It is curious to note, however, that the Pole is one of the very few of master players from whom, if memory serves us rightly, the former champion has never won a game.

ROUND 3—QUEEN'S GAMBIT.
Capablanca. White.

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-QB4
3 P-K4 P-K4
4 Kt-K3 Kt-K3
5 QxP QxP
6 KtQ KtQ
7 B-K3 B-K3
8 Kt-K3 Kt-K3
9 Castles Castles
10 B-K3 B-K3
11 B-K2 B-K2
12 Q-R B
13 Kt-R Kt-R
14 B-K3 B-K3
15 P-B3 P-B3
16 K-R K-R
17 B-R B-R
18 Kt-R Kt-R
19 Kt-K3 Kt-K3
20 P-Q4 P-Q4
21 B-K3 B-K3
22 K-Q2 K-Q2
23 Kt-K3 Kt-K3
24 Q-B3 Q-B3
25 B-B B-B
26 B-B B-B

Notes.
Norman T. Whitaker informs us that some grave misstatements have appeared in the English magazine, the Chess Amateur, concerning the late Washington versus London cable match. The trend of these statements are given in a letter which Mr. Whitaker has recently mailed to the Hon. H. A. H. Carson, Washington representative at London, and which is here given in its entirety.

"I had hoped for an acknowledgment of letter of November 11th re proposed in the cable match. Please give me the status, will you?"

"I now write you on another matter and copy of this letter is going to Mr. Harcourt with another copy to that usually accurate magazine, 'The Chess Amateur'."

"On its first page of December, 1928, issue it says: 'The match between Washington and the London Chess League on November 5th proved a fiasco. Only one game was finished, a merger drawing. Washington proposed that the five unfinished games be called draws 'to keep the cup alive.' At London fancies one of the five may be adjudicated a win and have claimed accordingly. They offered, if a win had been conceded at once, to put the cup (London's property after three victories) up into competition. Washington's reply at the time of writing was not to do.'"

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"Many do not know, who should have been told in the official organ of the federation, why I was prevented from playing at Bradley Beach. Dozens of inquiries have come to me about my non-participation there. The attitude of some who follow the game may perhaps be expressed by unsolicited letter sent me from a chess editor. * * *

The letter then follows in full. Unless the said chess editor is courageous enough to publish his views in his own column, however, we feel that they are not entitled to space here. Sufficient it is to say that he apparently regards the past tournament at Bradley Beach as an utter failure, due partially, at least, to Whitaker's non-participation, and attacks in almost vindictive manner one of America's foremost chess editors, who, he thinks, is in part responsible for present conditions.

Solutions to Problem.
The key to No. 293, two-mover by Mr. Melvaine, is K-B2. Among those sending in solutions were Jacob Frech, Clair J. Bressler, J. W. Harris, H. W. Wiley, Jr., Forrest V. Wheeler, J. W. Harris, P. L. Reed, F. B. Walker, and Paul Davis.

Jacob Frech writes: "Although white has choice of 42 moves, the fact that black, if not prevented by a check or K move, can by P-R7 unobtrusively check, simplifies the process of finding the following middle term for 293: A problem in which white can soonest make by one of the following four series, relevant to black's move: 1 K-B2; 2 Q-KR or -QR; or Kt-B3 (or the latter's near equivalent Q-B); for none of white's first possible checks can result in mate in two, and the K's best move is to B2 where he can command B3 and K3 and prevent any check. Black P at R8 prevents Q-K2 being also a key move."

Clair J. Bressler comments: "The fact that black threatens a check by playing his RP, also all slight squares on the bishop's file are doubly guarded by white except B3, suggest the keymove at once."

H. W. Wiley, Jr., remarks: "Another soft one. In the first place the key is bad, inasmuch as it threatens two mates, QxP and Kt-B3, and, after a short inspection, is the obvious move to avoid the threatened check. Then there seem to be several unobtrusive black pieces particularly Kt at R2, P at Kt2 and Kt4, and B at QK2."

Forrest V. Wheeler reasons: "The salient feature of this problem is that white king is threatened by black pawn. Therefore, if white king is moved out of danger, and to the support of white bishop, white queen can effect the checkmate in another move."

Today's offering is a three-move composition by Harvey W. Wiley, Jr. A few of young Wiley's problems have previously appeared in this column and have almost invariably been received with favor. Solvers are invited to send in their comments, criticisms, or suggestions.

PROBLEM NO. 294.
By H. W. Wiley, Jr., Washington, D. C.
Composed for The Post.
BLACK—MATE IN THREE.
K on K5; P on K4, K6, Q5 and Q6.

WHITE—EIGHT PIECES.
K on Q5; Q on Q6; B on K4; Kt on Q6; P on K4, K6, Q5 and Q6.

White to play and mate in three moves.

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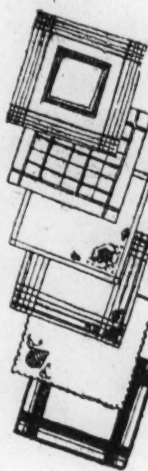
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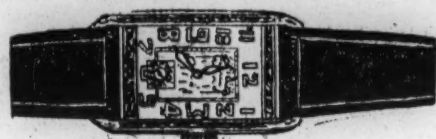
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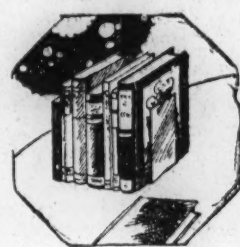
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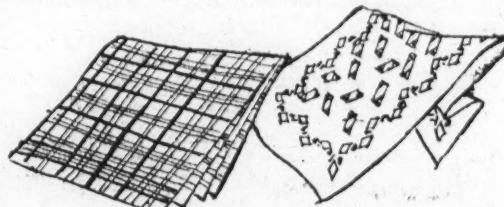
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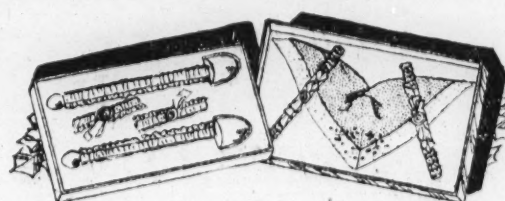
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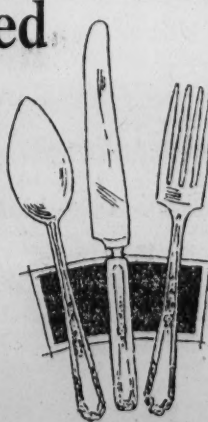
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Robert F. and Sally Dyer, girl.
Maurice and Thelma Bresnahan, girl.
Victor F. and Patricia Grabin, girl.
Robert C. and Lillian Alexander, girl.
James and Mary M. Egan, girl.
Benjamin R. and Rosemary Riese, girl.
Oswald and Robert E. Williams, girl.
James and Lillian Berrier, girl.
Glover C. and Florence E. Stewart, boy.
Norton and Lorraine Biddle, boy.
Frank and Alice Pfeiffer, boy.
Worthington and Julia Remson, boy.
Alfred A. and Elizabeth Shands, boy.
Paul and Amy Meyerhafer, boy.
Herbert M. and Mary Gordon, boy.
John J. and Grace C. Long, boy.
Fred and Ida L. Childs, boy.
Harold E. and Wilhelmina Peltz, boy.
Theodore F. and Catherine Fremel, boy.
Ernest T. and Caroline E. Brooks, boy.
Thomas H. and Alice M. Pollard, boy.
Maynard and Mary Hawkins, girl.
Frederic D. and Ida Hall, girl.
Charles and Ruth Dixon, girl.
Andrew and Kate Chase, girl.
William and Alice Hawkins, girl.
Rudolph and Bertha Peterson, girl.
George and Carrie King, girl.
James and Mary Henderson, girl.
Bernard and Eva Powell, girl.
James and Laveria Warner, girl.
William H. and Anna Sierles, boy.
Leon F. and Elizabeth Chisley, boy.
Arthur and Pearl Frazer, boy.
John and Mary Marr, boy.
James and Irene Slais, boy.
Albert and Ella Randolph, boy.
Robert and Dora Williams, boy.
Clifford and Nettie Proctor, boy.
Richard and Annie Coleman, boy.
William and May Maweritt, boy.
Ford and Ella Holmes, boy.
James E. and Azeal Dyson, boy.

DEATHS REPORTED.

James E. Polk, 72 yrs., 7809 G ave. n.w.
William M. Tyrell, 69 yrs., 1329 Irving n.w.
William W. Trill, 64 yrs., 430 Randolph st. n.w.
Mary A. Israel, 81 yrs., 823 Newton n.w.
Crawford Bennie, 58 yrs., 1013 9th n.w.
James O. Robes, 35 yrs., 3812 Jenner n.w.
Prest Snyder, 48 yrs., 315 Pa. ave. n.w.
Bord Carrott, 37 yrs., Geo. Univ. Hosp.
Bessie Rott, 36 yrs., Walter Reed Hosp.
Leslie Linberg, 32 yrs., Geo. Univ. Hosp.
A. Conway Burrows, 30 yrs., Geo. Univ. Hosp.
James Nelson, 78 yrs., Freedmen's Hosp.
Elizabeth Palmer, 77 yrs., 236 3d st. n.e.
Louis King, 80 yrs., 2230 13th st. n.w.
Anna Thompson, 60 yrs., Freedmen's Hosp.
Laura Tyson, 40 yrs., Gallinger Hosp.
Norman Wright, 3 yrs., Emory Hosp.
Robt L. Ruff, 3 yrs., 1311 Rock Creek Church rd.
John Smith, 6 months, Children's Hosp.
John Watkins, 2 months, 1124 Congress st. n.e.

U. S. Prisoner Flees County Jail.
Princess Anne, Md., Dec. 22 (Special). John Almes, one of 30 Federal prisoners sent here by Baltimore city authorities to be housed until their terms expired, is being trailed by local police following his escape from Somerset County Jail here. He was to have served six months' sentence for violation of the prohibition laws. Because the Baltimore jail was crowded the prisoners were sent here.

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2 Octogenarians Play Part of Santa Claus in Capital



Children Are Entranced as They See Kris Kringle of Their Dreams.

Beneath the gaudy trappings of the department store Santa Claus, who is the man in the red suit, a thousand childish hopes are kindled each day and what characteristics and combinations of circumstance brought to him the role of the mythical saint, presiding over toyland to delight the hearts of Washington youngsters?

At Woodward & Lothrop's, Carl Herrmann Braatz, 82 years old, provides the thrill for the youngsters with the same enthusiasm that for 28 years past has won him a place in the hearts of the "down-and-outers" at the Central Union Mission. Spry of limb and keen of eye, Braatz is declared by all who see him to be the perfect type for his unusual vocation.

"Brother Braatz," as he is called at the Mission, has played Santa Claus to some one all of his life. Although possessed of no large sums of money, Braatz has contributed several thou-

sand dollars to the work of restoring "lost souls" to the paths of righteousness, his friends say.

Another 82-year-old St. Nicholas is Henry Miller, who, clad in the quaint garments of the old man of the frozen North, presides over the Hecht Co. Wonderland, Miller, a Civil War veteran and one-time actor, later manufacturer, was obliged by financial reverses to assume a clerkship in a department store in 1915, when a fire destroyed the factory with which he was connected.

He is regularly employed as a salesman at the store, and because of his stage experience was given the unique assignment. It is his first experience, but the smiles of his youthful admirers attest to Miller's successful reign over toy kingdom.

Braatz, who resides at 22 Third street, southeast, served in the Franco-German war of 1871. He has no notches on his gun, he declared yesterday, because of conscientious objections to warfare. Braatz later became a servant in the employ of George Bancroft, who formerly was an American Minister to the Court of St. James. So faithfully did Braatz attend to his employer's needs that he was willed an income of \$365 a year for life.

JOYOUS SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS SWEEPS CAPITAL FOR HOLIDAY

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

mediate vicinity are looking forward to a special treat on Christmas morning at 11:30 o'clock when an assistant to Santa Claus will arrive in an airplane and drop down upon the landing field in a parachute. This stunt has been arranged by the Red Cross Chapter of the Naval Air Station and is expected to attract both old and young of the neighborhood.

Girls of the Young Women's Christian Association have planned a busy day of Christmas cheer for others. This evening from 5 until 7 o'clock there will be a German Christmas observance, at which German carols will be sung.

Girl Reserves have a ceremonial scheduled in Barker Hall at 4:30 this afternoon. Clubs in high schools, Junior high schools and the grades will be represented. Toys and dolls which have been repaired at the toy shop in the Y. W. C. A. Building will be displayed around a Christmas tree. Later these gifts will go to boys and girls in Hilling Hospital, Friendship House, Hilling House, St. John's Orphanage, Neighborhood House, Noel House, Associated Charities and the District Training School.

Reserves Will Give Play.
Carol singing will feature the ceremonial while a Christmas play called "The Christmas Spirit" will be presented by the Reserves under the direction of Miss Sheila Doody. A group of the Reserves will sing at the ceremonies in connection with the lighting of the national Christmas tree Monday night, while each noon during the coming week carol singing will be brought to various community centers, Emergency, Providence, Children's and Gallinger Hospitals will be visited by the singers.

Baskets of food for the needy will be distributed by the Salvation Army, with Mrs. Coolidge aiding army officials in this charitable work.

Veterans of Foreign Wars have answered the appeal of their commander in chief, Eugene Carver, and will have a special celebration for the orphans in the V. F. W. Home.

Christmas dinners for the needy will be furnished by the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs, members of the organization having raised \$2,000 for this purpose.

Overcoats Are Distributed.
One hundred poor boys of Washington will be given warm overcoats Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. The overcoats will be given away by Saks & Co., Pennsylvania avenue and Seventh street. Just across the street Bernard Harding, candy dealer, will add to the Christmas joy of the same boys by presenting each with a five-pound box of candy.

Fourteen families, in dire need of assistance during the holiday season, will be helped by the fund raised each year by the Associated Charities and the Christmas joy of the same boys by presenting each with a five-pound box of candy.

Stores, theaters and offices have been decorated for the Christmas season for some time while entertainment programs have been arranged with an eye to the spirit of Christmas.

At the Fox Theater tomorrow morning, 3,600 children will be made happy when The Washington Post Santa Claus party is held for them. Central Union Mission will have as guests on Christmas Eve, some 1,400 boys at Keith's Theater. Gifts will be distributed to them by Mrs. Coolidge.

Party at Police Station.
In the southeast section of the city, children are looking forward to their annual party at Police Station No. 5. Capt. William E. Sanford will be in charge and nearly a thousand boys and girls are expected to receive gifts from the police tree.

Employees of the Acacia Mutual Life Association will hold a regular Christmas party in the hall of the Acacia Building. A huge tree will be

The Weather

TODAY'S SUN AND TIDE TABLE

Sun rises.....7:24 High tide.....4:20 4:53
Sun sets.....4:50 Low tide.....10:53 11:47

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.
Washington, Saturday, Dec. 22.—P. M.
Forecast—For the District of Columbia, partly cloudy Sunday; Monday, fair and somewhat warmer; moderate variable winds. For Maryland and Virginia, partly cloudy, possibly light rain on the coast Sunday; Monday, fair and somewhat warmer; fresh northerly winds Sunday.

Pressure is low and falling over northern Minnesota. Moisture, 29.88 inches, and in the Mackinac Valley, Fort Simpson, 29.14 inches, while a disturbance of slight intensity that developed Saturday morning on the Florida coast is apparently centered southeast of Hatteras and moving northward. Pressure is high over the North Atlantic States, Boston, 30.48 inches, and over Texas, Galveston, 30.34 inches, and it remains high over the plateau region, Boise, Idaho, 30.82 inches. There have been light local snows in the lake region, and moderate rains on the south Atlantic and north Atlantic and north Pacific Coasts. The temperature has risen over the western lake region, upper Mississippi and middle Missouri Valleys, portions of the southern plains States.

The indications are for mostly fair weather in the Washington forecast district Sunday and Monday, except that there will be rain Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Enslaved coast and light snow in the lake region Sunday. It will be somewhat warmer Sunday in the lake region and the upper Ohio Valley, and warmer Monday in the Atlantic States.

Local Weather Report.

Temperature—Midnight, 22; 2 a. m., 21; 4 a. m., 21; 6 a. m., 20; 8 a. m., 20; 10 a. m., 20; 12 noon, 20; 2 p. m., 21; 4 p. m., 21; 6 p. m., 20; 8 p. m., 20; 10 p. m., 21.
Relative humidity—3 a. m., 67; 2 p. m., 32; 8 p. m., 47. Rainfall (in p. m. to 8 p. m.), none. Hours of sunshine, 8.4. Percent of possible sunshine, 100.

DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL.
Accumulated excess of temperature since January 1, 1928, 365 degrees.
Accumulated excess of precipitation since January 1, 1928, 2.28 inches.
Deficiency of precipitation since December 1, 1928, 0.96 inch.

Flying Weather Forecast.

Forecast of flying weather for December 22, 1928:
Washington, D. C. to Long Island, N. Y. Partly overcast sky; risk of light rain or snow near Long Island Sunday; moderate to fresh northeast winds up to 5,000 feet. Washington to Norfolk, Va. Partly overcast sky; risk of rain near Norfolk Sunday; moderate to fresh northerly winds up to 3,000 feet.

Temperatures and Precipitation.
Temperatures and precipitation for 24 hours ended Saturday, P. M.
Lowest. Highest. Precip. Sat. Rain-fall.

Washington, D. C.	42	50	0.00
Ash Grove, N. C.	42	50	0.00
Atlanta, Ga.	42	50	0.00
Baltimore, Md.	42	50	0.00
Birmingham, Ala.	42	50	0.00
Bismarck, N. Dak.	42	50	0.00
Butte, Mont.	42	50	0.00
Buffalo, N. Y.	42	50	0.02
Chicago, Ill.	42	50	0.01
Cincinnati, Ohio	42	50	0.04
Cleveland, Ohio	42	50	0.01
Davenport, Iowa	42	50	0.01
Des Moines, Iowa	42	50	0.01
Detroit, Mich.	42	50	0.01
Duluth, Minn.	42	50	0.01
El Paso, Tex.	42	50	0.01
Galveston, Tex.	42	50	0.01
Helena, Mont.	42	50	0.01
Indianapolis, Ind.	42	50	0.01
Indianapolis, Ind.	42	50	0.01
Kansas City, Mo.	42	50	0.01
Los Angeles, Cal.	42	50	0.01
Louisville, Ky.	42	50	0.01
Marquette, Mich.	42	50	0.01
Memphis, Tenn.	42	50	0.01
Mobile, Ala.	42	50	0.01
New Orleans, La.	42	50	0.01
New York, N. Y.	42	50	0.01
North Platte, Neb.	42	50	0.01
Omaha, Neb.	42	50	0.01
Phoenix, Ariz.	42	50	0.01
Pittsburgh, Pa.	42	50	0.01
Portland, Me.	42	50	0.01
Portland, Ore.	42	50	0.01
Salt Lake City, Utah	42	50	0.01
St. Louis, Mo.	42	50	0.01
St. Paul, Minn.	42	50	0.01
San Antonio, Tex.	42	50	0.01
San Diego, Cal.	42	50	0.01
San Francisco, Cal.	42	50	0.01
Santa Fe, N. Mex.	42	50	0.01
Savannah, Ga.	42	50	0.01
Seattle, Wash.	42	50	0.01
Springfield, Ill.	42	50	0.01
Tampa, Fla.	42	50	0.01
Toledo, Ohio	42	50	0.01
Vicksburg, Miss.	42	50	0.01

LICENSED TO MARRY.

Benjamin Tenner, 30, and Ray Rubin, 24. Justice Wendell P. Stafford.
Bertrand A. Jones, 21, and Mabel Duncan, 22, both of Richmond, Va. The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Charles Starke, 22, and Estelle E. Spain, 22, both of Richmond, Va. The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Bartelmy Dulanter, 28, and Anna Heim, 22, both of Baltimore, Md. The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Cyril J. Green, 27, and Lula D. Huddleston, 24, both of Roanoke, Va. The Rev. J. M. McLean.
R. Calvin Tishman, 39, and Una Gladys Jones, 27, Manassas, Va. The Rev. E. H. West.
Russell A. Garnett, 21, Richmond, Va., and Gertrude Williamson, 27, Burkeville, Va. The Rev. John E. Brigg.
Beamon T. Forrest, 27, Muscle, Va., and Dorothy A. Garrett, 23, The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Sherman Craven, 31, and Sallie Phelps, 25, The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
George V. Ford, 23, and Gwendolyn Lemmon, 21, The Rev. E. H. West.
Bartholomew, 22, and Hazel Ross, 20, The Rev. R. Arlin.
Frederick Teal, 22, and Olivette Williams, 21, both of Philadelphia, Pa. The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
John Johnson, 27, and Inez Beard, 25, "The Roanoke, Va. The Rev. H. W. Johnson.
Thomas McCauland, 26, and Vada A. Smith, 24, both of Baltimore, Md. The Rev. J. W. Tolson.
John Taylor, 22, and Margaret Tull, 22, The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Albert Carter, 26, and Jennie Williams, 25, The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Elliot Sprague, 23, and Beatrice Cannon, 22, The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Armstrong, 21, and Helen Smith, 17, The Rev. W. M. Hoffman.
Wilson Collier, 23, and Mary L. Selby, 19, The Rev. J. A. Seaton.
Carl E. Brown, 20, and Mildred Baker, 20, The Rev. E. H. West.
Frederick Lacey, 25, and Vera Golding, 33, The Rev. Robert Johnston.

Licenses in Arlington County.
William E. Young, 21, of Poolesville, Va., and Fanny E. Young, 21, of Clarendon, Va. The Rev. George M. Felding.
Carroll B. Johnson, 27, of Washington, and Florence Terry, 28, of Arlington, Arlington County. The Rev. James E. Green.

light their homes for the holiday season are competing for prizes offered by the Electric League of Washington. Ten prizes are offered for the ten best decorated homes in the District or within three miles of its limits. These prizes range in value from \$75 to \$15. The Electric League Cup will go to the community which has the largest percentage of its homes most artistically decorated.

All homes and communities desiring to compete for these prizes must fill out an entry blank, to be found below, and mail or bring it to the Washington Post or the electric league before Christmas Day. Unless registered homes can not be visited by the judges in the contest.

ENTRY BLANK

I wish to enter the outdoor decorative lighting contest of the Electric League of Washington in connection with The Washington Post's "Brighter Community Christmas" appeal, and I agree to abide by the decisions of the judges.

Name.....

Address.....

Citizens' Association or Community.....

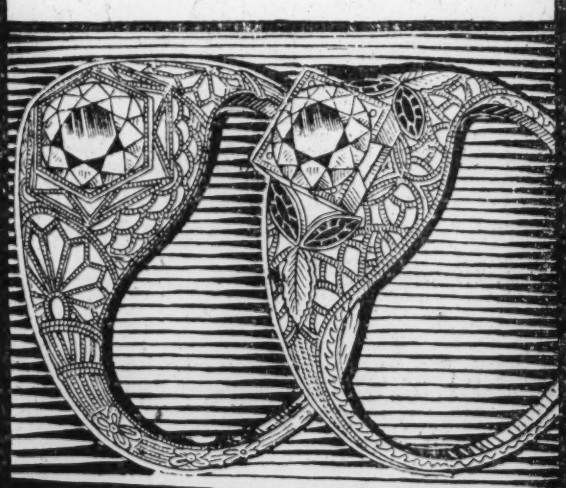
Mail or bring this coupon to The Washington Post or the Electric League of Washington, Suite 900, 1103 Vermont Avenue.

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Lady's Diamond Ring
A large diamond, set in a graceful white gold filigree mounting. A showy ring.
\$32.00
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The Latest
Beautifully cut, fine diamond in a white gold mounting with emeralds or sapphires.
\$75.00
Pay \$1.25 a Week



Elgin Rectangular
Sold at the standard cash price with no charge for credit.
Free repairing for two years.
\$35.00
Pay 75c a Week

Elgin Parisienne
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\$35.00
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"Betsy Ross" 2-Strap, \$7.50
An exceedingly smart model, shown in patent leather or black kid. Has military Cuban heel.

The "Guild," \$10
The "Guild" is shown in brown suede with brown kid back, or in patent leather with black suede back. Each has covered heel.

Gridiron Shoes for Boys
Oxfords, \$3.75 and \$4
In tan or black. Full round collegiate last, over-weight oak soles, rubber heels.
10 to 12½.....\$3.75
1 to 6.....\$4.00
A Christmas Gift That Brings Delight!

STORM-FIGHTERS For Boys \$4.50 and \$5
Makes a boy as happy as an old Indian scout. In tan or black.
10 to 12½.....\$4.50
1 to 6.....\$5.00

GROVER'S Comfort Shoes
Black Kid Seamless Oxford, \$6
A soft, supple touch of a kid glove! Has turn sole and rubber heel. A to EEE wide.

Soft Black Kid 2-Strap Slipper, \$5.50
Made for ease and comfort. Has turn sole and rubber heel. A to EEE wide.

Children's Christmas Shoes
Plain Toe Model, \$2.95
For play or dress, tan patent leather or gun metal. Goodyear welt oak leather sole, rubber heels. Sizes 5 to 11.

For Misses and Juniors
A smart tan shoe with handsome sport trim.
AA to D Wide
11½ to 2.....\$4.00
2½ to 8.....\$5.00

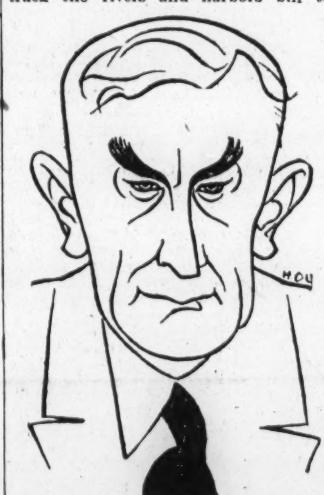
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help wipe out the impending deficit in the budget. I've seen that tried before. The justly celebrated Chinaman chance was a sure bet by comparison. You might as well try to convince Tom Sawyer that he had a hole in his hat. There wasn't a red cent in the Treasury, the pork barrel would have to be filled just the same.

The Senate has been planning to do this in the rotunda next year while the chamber is being remodeled to provide better acoustics. The members suddenly remembered that in the rotunda there could be no gallery to listen to their oratory, so they proceeded to renege. They are willing to endure the bad air and poor lighting in the Senate Chamber while the rotunda is remodeled while the chamber is remodeled. The remodeling will be put off indefinitely.

W. B. B. S.

Canada Contracts For 2 Destroyer

Vessels to Be Constructed in England at Cost of \$3,500,000.

Contracts were awarded Thornycroft & Co. Ltd., of Southampton, England, for the construction of 12 destroyers for \$3,500,000 for delivery in 1931. The ships will replace the destroyers Champlain and Vancouver loaned to Canada by the British government. These will carry a number of mine sweepers, at present comprise the royal Canadian navy.

The new destroyers will be or to Amazon class, 320 feet long, have a speed of 35 knots and carry a complement of 150 officers and men. They will be armed with four 4.7-inch anti-aircraft guns and have two triple 21-inch torpedo tubes. Features to meet the demands of Canadian climatic conditions will be embodied in the ships. The dominion during the great war built a large number of minesweepers. The royal Canadian navy now has a personnel adequate to man the two ships, many of its men have been retrained, as a result of naval

Dr. Grant Showerman
Is Decorated by Its

Madison, Wis., Dec. 22 (A.P.).—T
"splendid service" of Prof. Grant Sho
erman, of the University of Wisconsin
"in the field of classical studies a
Roman history" has been recogniz

Hardman and Coolidge

Atlanta, Dec. 22 (A.P.).—Gov. L. Hardman of Georgia today accepted the invitation of Howard E. Coffin to spend next Friday as Coffin's guest with President Coolidge, on Sapelo Island.

The Governor and Mrs. Hardman probably will leave Atlanta for the Georgia Islands.

When the extra employees will be paid to work depends on what date is set by Congress for the launching of the project. The House has adopted a bill designating May 3, 1930, as the day; the Senate census committee has amended it so as to have the work started November 1, 1929, five months earlier. However, the Senate itself has not acted on the amended bill.

Director Steuart is strongly in favor of the Senate bill. He points out that there are more people at home around November, and the farmers are in a better position to supply data about their crops.

"If something isn't done about this bill soon," Steuart said, "the census will be a disaster."

This census will be followed with unusual interest on account of the likelihood that Congress will pass legislation providing reapportionment of seats in the House. Under the Constitution there is to be a reapportionment at each decennial census.

which think they are entitled to more seats have been setting up a claim ever since.

Once Made By Marshals.

From 1790 to 1870, the decennial enumerations of population were made by United States marshals and their assistants. In the first census, marshals made their returns to the President directly, although the returns compiled and published under

Mr. Steuart, "continued to have charge of census enumerations until 1840, when the work was transferred to that department. From 1790 to 1900, the census office was not a permanent establishment; it was a temporary organization—being assembled for each successive enumeration."

The earlier censuses were primarily a count of the population, classified by sex and broad age groups. As early as 1810, however, some information was collected, in addition, concerning manufactures, and in 1820 information was collected concerning persons engaged in agriculture, commerce, and manufactures.

Expansion of Work Steady.
 "In 1830, data were collected **re-**
 to the deaf, dumb, and blind. It
 not until 1840 that schedules of
 quires were printed for the use
 census enumerators. Social stat-
 were again collected in 1840, to-
 with information concerning popu-
 tion, manufactures, mines, and qual-
 ity of agriculture. The field of ce-

"With the establishment of the permanent Census Bureau in 1800, some of the inquiries that had been made in connection with the decennial enumerations were fixed for definite dates during the interdecennial period.

Today the bureau's work covers collection of statistics concerning population, agriculture, manufactures, mines, quarries, electrical industry, transportation by water, births, deaths, marriages, divorces, wealth, indebtedness, taxation, municipal and finances, current business, and phases of our industrial and social

Subways Tied Up Amid Record Run

by Short Circuit; Big Crowds Mill About.
New York, N. Y., Dec. 22 (U.P.)—A general tie-up of subways and elevators today

trains sent a record crowd of minute shoppers milling around platforms of Times Square and Grand Central in hopeless confusion to A short circuit caused the power to shut off for a time on the Interborough lines and prevented the heavily loaded trains from moving. When they got to Times Square Station, the waiting crowd was so large that passengers were unable to get off the trains.

The Brooklyn Manhattan lines—

The Third Avenue elevated train was delayed when a train went "d" and had to be pushed out of the

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Hooper Named Assistant Secretary of Title Event.

Florence Rembold's record slash performance was the outstanding feature of the night's play, however, as she tallied splendid counts of 110, 120 and 130 for a total of 360, puts her on top high individual set honors for the season. Florence aided materially in the boys' two-game defeat of Comets.

RORDS.
High team game—Youngs Friends, 599.
High team set—Youngs Friends, 1,702.
Individual average—Sam Sual, 111.
Individual game—Permuter, 77.
High individual set—Permuter, 389.
High strikes—Blank, Bortnick, H. Goodman, 18.
High scores—Sam Sual, 80.
High flat games—Joe Silverman, 88.

Icers the only other teams over the percentage mark.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

W. L. Pct.		W. L. Pct.	W. L.
8 21 .467	Mechan. 1.	23 13 .639	B'keeping.. 16 20
6 21 .467	Treasurer.	19 14 .576	Mechan. 2. 16 20
7 22 .436	Records...	20 16 .561	Operating... 15 21
5 21 .417	Icers.....	17 16 .515	Vouchers.. 15 21

Christmas fund benefit. The polo Cuban game was first introduced December 21, 1927, and has attracted huge following. The entire gate receipts of the "Anniversary Show" were turned over to a Christmas fund.

Clifton.....	22	4	Druid Hill ...	8
Washington..	20	6	Racquet.....	8
Mt. Wash....	14	9	Amer. Legion..	5

These cards are furnished at the nominal price of \$1, and the plan has proven so successful that it insures an annual revenue to the association of about \$6,000.

The Metropolitan Golf Association, composed of clubs in the New York

BAPTIST

program of Christmas music will be given by the Mount Pleasant Chorus and solo quartet composed of Mrs. Elsie Schulze, soprano; Miss M. Apple, contralto; William P. Shanahan, tenor, and Herman Fakler, bass, under the direction of Norton M. Ellis, with Claude Robeson at the organ. Organ prelude, "Pastorale," B. M.

Christ, Georgetown.

St. Mark's.

At the 6:30 o'clock service Christmas morning, under the direction of Lucius H. Paul, organist and director, the masses will include the following: Antiphons, "Break Forth Into Joy" (Singer), and "There Were Shepherds" (Violoncello, soprano, and alto duet). "Gloria": soprano and alto duet. "Gloria": soprano and alto duet. "Gloria": soprano and alto duet.

That Walked in Darkness" (Galbraith); chorus, "Every Valley Shall Be Filled" (J. H. Rogers); organ offertory, "Christmas Pastorale" (J. H. Rogers); chorus, "A Choral Fantasy on Old Carols," arranged by Gustave Holst; chorus, "Gloria to God" (T. Tertius Noble); organ postlude, "Hallelujah Chorus," Messiah (Handel).

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QUESTION OF PUBLIC HEARINGS IS IN DOUBT

Decision to Be Reached After Return From Christmas Holiday Recess.

The nomination of Col. Harrison J. Brand, Jr., to serve another term as a member of the local Public Utilities Commission will be approved by the Senate, according to indications yesterday. Although members of the Senate District committee have received protests against confirmation of Col. Brand, it is understood that none of these protests is regarded as serious enough to disqualify him.

Whether there will be a hearing on Brand's nomination will be decided after the Senate returns from its Christmas recess. Even if there is one, it is not likely that any testimony will be offered that will hurt Brand's chances.

Opposition Due to Merger.

Much of the opposition to Brand grows out of his action in joining the other members of the Public Utilities Commission in approving the agreement entered into by the local traction companies for a merger.

This is the agreement upon which is based the joint merger resolution now pending in Congress.

As for the merger proceeding, Harry P. Wilson, chairman of the Senate District committee, has said that he has not yet decided whether to proceed with the report of Dr. Malbrie.

Will Point Out Fallacies.

They were told to prepare a reply to a meeting of the merger subcommittee of the Senate District committee early last week.

It is expected that the traction men will complete their statement some day this week, but it probably will not be made public until it is turned over to the Senate District committee after January 3.

Wilson, owner of the Washington Rapid Transit Co., and author of the present merger compact, already has announced that, so far as the reply to Malbrie's report is concerned, he and his colleagues will devote themselves to pointing out the "fallacies" in it.

Liquor Book Delay

Stirs Medical Men

Doran Starts Investigation

Whisky Needed to Fight

Flu Outbreak

Dr. James M. Doran, prohibition commissioner, yesterday began an investigation of complaints from physicians in the District of Columbia that patients are being treated for flu by being given liquor to patients had not been honored.

The prohibition commissioner has not personally received the complaints, but it is understood that a number have been forwarded to the Baltimore headquarters.

The physicians were particularly aroused over the delay in receiving their books because of the outbreak of influenza in the city. In some cases the books were not sent promptly because the applicant had failed to send in the stubs of the book previously issued to him. Physicians were able to renew their applications for books December 6.

Fall From Auto Truck

Is Fatal to Workman

Walter Botts, colored, 48 years old, of 1013 1/2 Half street, died yesterday afternoon at Freedmen's Hospital from injuries received earlier in the day when he fell from the back of an automobile truck at Fifth and Q streets northwest.

Botts was working as a helper on the truck, which was being driven by T. J. Keane Co., of 621 B street northwest, when the accident occurred. He was taken to the hospital in a passing automobile and was treated for a fractured skull by Dr. F. E. Speaks.

26 New Influenza

Cases in District

Deaths Reported in Month

Still 13; Health Head

Says Type Is Mild.

Twenty-six new cases of influenza were reported to Dr. W. C. Fowler, District Health Officer, yesterday, making a total of 219 cases for the month. At the same time public health officials were considering ways and means to combat the possibility of a second and more severe wave of the disease, which already has been contracted by more than 150,000 victims, with several thousand deaths, in this country.

No deaths, however, were reported during the last 24 hours, making the total fatalities for the month stand at 13. Dr. Fowler feels that no alarm should be felt over the increasing number of cases reported, since in practically all cases they have been of a mild nature. Dr. Fowler reiterated his warning, however, that the best way to combat the epidemic now sweeping the country is to keep away from all known cases and to keep the body by getting the proper amount of sleep, sunshine and diet.

While the program of public health officials for combating the possibility of a second epidemic was not completed, Federal authorities indicated they would add to their already ready knowledge of the disease through further laboratory and field studies. The percentage of cases throughout the country for the week ended December 13, public health officials asserted, was as great as it was during the month of October, 1918, when the disease carried off millions of persons throughout the world.

Damages of \$10,000

Are Asked in Death

Damages of \$10,000 against the Washington Railway & Electric Co. were asked in a suit filed yesterday in the District Supreme Court by Mrs. Fannie J. Acton, widow of James H. Acton, who was struck and injured by a bus of the company a year ago.

Through her attorney, Frank H. McCabe, Mrs. Acton, as administratrix of her husband's estate, charged the injuries as a result of the mishap caused her husband's death.

AMBULANCE, AFTER SEVERING HORSE'S TAIL



A Casualty Hospital ambulance overturned early yesterday afternoon when it crashed into a horse and wagon at Second street and Massachusetts avenue northeast. The worst casualty was the horse. Its tail was clipped off.

AMBULANCE MAINTAINS HORSE IN COLLISION

Amputates His Tail in Crude Fashion; Doctor Suffers Cuts and Bruises.

WOMAN IN FAINT CAUSE

A crude amputation by a Casualty Hospital ambulance at Second street and Massachusetts avenue early yesterday afternoon made a man's "best friend" cry to the cats of the Isle of Man.

"John Henry," aged horse owned by Julius Jones, colored, lost its tail just three days before Christmas, too. The Casualty ambulance, driven by Peter Sweetser, and taking Dr. Louis Jimal to treat a woman who had fainted at Goldenberg's store, was involved in a collision at the intersection with an automobile driven by J. R. Bohrer south on Second street. Sweetser swerved the ambulance and hit the horse and wagon.

The ambulance turned over. Dr. Jimal sustained cuts and bruises on the head and face. Neither Sweetser nor Jones was injured, but the poor old horse will never get over it.

Justice Bailey Confirms

Awards for Court Site

Action of Justice Jennings Bailey, of the District Supreme Court, in confirming awards by the condemnation commission, which appraised property in two squares of land adjacent to the Capitol building as a site for the new United States Supreme Court, has been approved by President Coolidge.

Seventy-one out of 81 property owners in the two squares accepted the jury awards.

The acceptance and approval of the President were filed yesterday by Assistant United States Attorney James J. O'Leary. The total debt by the commission was \$1,768,000 and Chief Justice William Howard Taft, of the United States Supreme Court, has been interested in petitioning Congress for a deficiency appropriation, as \$1,500,000 was the original appropriation for the site.

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Gaithersburg Epworth

Dedication This Week

Epworth Hall, the gift of the young people of the Baltimore Conference Epworth League to the Methodist Home at Gaithersburg, Md., will be dedicated this week. Doors of the building will be opened to the public during the four-day program. Alexandria, Roanoke and Moorefield will be hosts for Thursday, Baltimore, Winchester and Rockham, Friday, and Washington and Lewesburg, Saturday.

Debts Are \$124,923,

Assets \$550 in Petition

A petition to be adjudged a voluntary bankrupt was filed in the District Supreme Court yesterday by Earl I. Klein, of 5318 Forty-second street northwest, formerly connected with the Rer Top Cab Co.

Through his attorneys, Newmyer & Klein, Robert H. Alcorn, chairman of the Joint Conference on Retirement, declared yesterday at the Capitol.

Alcorn is working to have the bill passed before the short session adjourns March 4. Had it not been for the Republican leaders, who deliberately blocked it in the closing days of the session, the bill would have passed at the last session, for the House was ready to pass it if it came up. The Senate already had passed it.

The bill increases the retirement annuity from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year, and permits aged employees to retire two years earlier than they now are permitted to retire.

Alcorn pointed out yesterday that the interest on the retirement fund which is being built up by contributions from the employees and from the Government will eventually be so great that it will almost take care of the annuities. Explaining this, he said:

Retirement Plan Not Costly,

Alcorn Declares at Capitol

Chairman of Joint Conference on Dale-Lehlbach Bill

Urges Passage at Short Session; Says Interest

From Fund Soon Will Pay Charges.

"Based upon the computations of Dr. Alvan H. Thompson, of the Pension Bureau, plus the contributions of the Government in the last session, the most conservative estimate places our interest at more than \$20,000,000 a year."

"This together with more than \$30,000,000 of the salaries of the employees and nearly \$20,000,000 from Government contributions would soon build this into a tremendous fund."

Dr. Thompson estimates the expenditures in the fiscal year of 1941 at less than \$25,000,000 with an income of more than \$70,000,000. This does not seem necessary. Our own estimates based on the best figures to date give us approximately \$20,000,000 in the fund of July, 1942, with interest of nearly \$25,000,000 annually with no additional appropriations by the Government except those now in force.

Who can say these estimates are not correct? At least they are as nearly correct as any statement which has been made. Then, in the face of these facts, why not pass the pending Dale-Lehlbach bill?

Boy Wants President

To Help Find Father

If there is a Santa Claus, he will induce Wilbur S. Chew to return to his small son, John, in Northfield, N. J.

President Coolidge yesterday turned over to the District Commissioners a letter he received from John, asking that he induce Santa Claus to find his father, missing three years. The Commissioners said they would be pleased to aid the boy, but don't know where to locate Santa Claus.

The boy's letter is as follows: "Dear President—I am writing for you to ask Santa to find my father. We all know to mind the President and I know Santa is so good he will find him. Have asked Santa last year, but he has not found daddy. To make sure, I ask you to ask Santa. Daddy went away three years ago. His name is Wilbur S. Chew."

Lutheran College

Drive Will Go On

The campaign of the Lutheran Churches of Washington for \$100,000 to purchase a site near Wheaton, Md., for the proposed National Lutheran College for Women will be renewed intensively January 2, it was announced last night by the Rev. George M. Diefenderfer, pastor of the Lutheran Place Memorial Church and a member of the campaign executive committee.

Slightly more than \$50,000 already has been raised, and while the campaign will not be pushed rigorously during the holiday season, the canvassers have been instructed to make use of the post-Christmas lull and call on all prospects possible. A mass meeting is planned, January 2, to mark the opening of the campaign. A "victory" meeting also is planned January 15, to formally close the drive.

Pulse of the campaign is being kept by the campaign executive committee, is arranging a mass meeting to be held in Montgomery County, Md., where, it is reported, considerable interest has been aroused in the location of the college in that section. Maj. Brooke Lee, member of the Maryland State Legislature, is cooperating with Dr. Shawalter.

Christmas Legend

To Be Presented

Members of Luther Place Church Will Give Play

This Week.

"The Other Wise Man," a Christmas legend by Henry Van Dyke, will be presented three nights this week, beginning Thursday, under auspices of the Luther Place Memorial Church, in the church auditorium.

This is the fourth year that the play has been given at the church. A large number of other congregations are co-operating in the presentation, which is directed by Bess Davis Schreiner and Deni E. Connell.

There are 75 persons in the cast. The Rev. Earle Wilkey, of the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, and the Rev. G. M. Diefenderfer, pastor of the Luther Place Church, are to take prominent roles. Some of the other who will help make the play a success are Charlotte Harman, Judy Lyeth, Katherine Riggs and Harold Snyder.

Trade Board's School

Unit Will Hear Carusi

The first luncheon-meeting of the public schools committee of the Washington Board of Trade will be held at 12:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the club.

Charles F. Carusi, president of the Board of Education, and Dr. Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of schools, will be the principal speakers. They will discuss the school situation and plans for improvements. Henry Gilligan, of the School Board, also will speak.

Clark Griffith Sued For \$1,283 on His Home

Suit to recover \$1,283.23 from Clark C. Griffith, president of the Washington Baseball Club, was instituted yesterday in the District Supreme Court by Clarence H. Small, a builder, 225 Fifteenth street northwest, who charged the sum was due him on construction of Griffith's home at Sixteenth and Decatur streets northwest.

Through his counsel, Henry F. Woodward, the builder declared the home was erected on a 10 per cent basis under the terms of a contract signed by Griffith. He declared adjustments were made in the total and Griffith has neglected to pay him, though he has frequently requested payment.

Police Prisoner Dies in Hospital

James L. Howard, 56 years old, of 2405 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, a prisoner at the Third Precinct Station, died yesterday at Gallatin Hospital, where he was taken Wednesday suffering from pneumonia. Howard was arrested Wednesday on a charge of intoxication.

Japanese Manuscript

Copy Given to Library

Through the courtesy of the Japanese Ambassador, the Public Library has been presented with a photostatic copy of the ancient manuscript of the commentary written by Prince Shotoku to the Buddhist scripture, "The Lotus of Truth."

The copy presented to the Congressional Library is one of three brought to the United States by Ambassador Debuchi at the request of President Kozaki, of the Tokyo Imperial University, for distribution to three representative libraries in the United States, as a token of appreciation of the sympathy and practical assistance of American institutions and individuals extending to the University of Tokyo following the Japanese earthquakes in 1923.

Sacco Victim to Lecture.

Lieut. Col. Calvin Goddard, widely known firearms expert who testified in the Sacco and Vanzetti trial in Massachusetts, will give an illustrated lecture Thursday night at the meeting of the Reserve Officers' Association in the Interior Department auditorium. His subject will be "Small Arms and Small Arms Identification."

\$45,000 SUGGESTED BY CHURCH TO PAY IN HUGUBA COST

Fund for Official Exercises Will Bring Proposed Total Up to \$145,000.

GENERAL COMMITTEE IS AGAIN INCREASED

James B. Reynolds Accepts Post; Publicity Committee to Meet Thursday.

Plans for the inauguration of Herbert Hoover were given additional impetus yesterday when President Coolidge transmitted to Congress a recommendation for an appropriation of \$45,000 to cover expenses of the formal exercises at the Capitol. This brought the total sum being sought to \$145,000, the inauguration committee having previously agreed to raise \$100,000 to defray expenses of the civic ceremonies.

Coolidge's recommendation was transmitted for the House yesterday, and is approximately the same sum usually asked of Congress for inaugurations. The money, when appropriated, will be used for the erection of stands at the Capitol, hiring of extra guards and other expenses. As customary, this fund will be disbursed by the joint committee from the House and Senate which Senator Moses is chairman. The other \$100,000, which is to be raised by the committee's subcommittee on finance, under the direction of Robert Fleming, chairman, will be used to meet expenses of decorating the city, erecting reviewing stands and other activities.

Work Will Start Soon.

Members of the subcommittee on finance are expected to get actively to work immediately following the holidays soliciting this fund, much of which, if not all, will be returned to guarantors.

James B. Reynolds, vice president of the Commercial National Bank, and former secretary of the Republican national committee, yesterday accepted the chairmanship of the subcommittee on invitations and tickets for the inauguration.

General Committee Increased.

Other developments included increase of the personnel of the inauguration committee, announcement that the subcommittee on publicity and relations, of which Theodore F. Noyes is chairman, will meet Thursday at 4 o'clock at the Willard Hotel, and announcement of the members of the subcommittee on finance.

Members added to the general inauguration committee yesterday include the following: George W. White, E. G. Brandenburg, Charles W. Wenharten, Wad: Ellis, William A. Hill, Leon Tobriner, A. P. Clark, Jr., Frederick J. Feinberg, Roy J. Sizoo, John LaGorce, C. W. French, James H. Foster, John B. Lerner, William D. Hoover, Dr. Cloyd H. Marvin, William J. Egan, Albert B. Brown, J. M. Egan, Alvin W. Hall, Byron S. Adams, John McQueen, W. F. Roberts, Paul Slesman and John W. Childers.

Joshua Evans, Jr., chairman of the subcommittee on legislation, announced his committee as follows: Charles C. Brand, vice chairman; F. R. Eakin, Walter J. Mar, Julius I. Peyser, Thomas W. Phillips, Jr., Chester Wells, W. C. Hanson, Mr. Edward E. Gann and Mrs. James F. Curtis.

Still Caused Blaze, Firemen Discover

An Anonymous Telephone

Call Reports Blast in House on Taylor Street.

Christmas spirits blew up with a bang yesterday at a house at 210 Taylor street northwest.

When firemen of No. 24 Engine Company responded to an anonymous telephone call they found the second floor of the house on fire, but no one at home. Putting out the fire, the firemen found that the explosion, which carried the fire in her coat pocket, was caused by a small package, containing \$22 and a credit book, was stolen from a counter in a downtown department store while she was shopping yesterday.

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STUDY UNDERGROUND CURRENTS



Emil Arenberg, of Philadelphia, in diver's suit, a deep sea diver, and his son, Egon Arenberg, who are employed to ascertain what causes a heavy flow of water underground at the site of the new Department of Commerce. The elder Arenberg is preparing to descend into a 50-foot shaft. Old residents of Washington say the site was formerly marsh land.

Season's First Horse Show Gives Thrills to Hundreds

Serious Atmosphere Pervades Amphitheater of Riding Club as Society's Members Compete for Ribbons and Tanbark Enthusiasts Applaud Daring Exhibitions.

Tanbark enthusiasts gathered last night several hundred strong, to witness the first indoor horse show of the season at the Washington Riding and Hunt Club, when saddle horse and hunter entries competed for ribbons before a gallery of experts, which applauded loudly one of the best exhibitions of riding seen in the capital this year.

It was primarily a gallery of turf followers which attended the show. A social atmosphere was noticeably lacking in the jumping events, where a serious atmosphere pervaded the amphitheater, as horse after horse went through its paces before a group of judges specially chosen for the occasion. There were some laughs, plenty of thrills and no mishaps.

Under the chairmanship of Ray H. Norton, a committee composed of: Rust, Charles D. Drayton, Miss Elizabeth Jackson, Miss Margaret Couzens, Mrs. Marshall Exniclos and Miss Eleanor Snyder took charge of a busy program.

Hard riding marked each event and several narrow escapes from injury were recorded in the jumping events. Miss Alda Robinson, young daughter of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, performed creditably in the first round, and Miss Elizabeth Jackson, on "Wonder Girl," gave her usual excellent display of horsemanship.

Marshall Exniclos, riding an imported Arabian, made a good showing. Later Mr. Exniclos narrowly escaped a serious injury when one of the horses became unmanageable in the paddock, knocking down several groomers and striking the young rider with his hoof.

Eugene Meyers' entries again scored in the opening class, winning a red ribbon. Miss Couzens won first place in the ensemble class, when the judges took note of the horse, rider, appointments and general appearance of each entry.

Melvin Hazen, Charles Carrio and Roland Dawson also took several ribbons, as did Mrs. Ambrose Prece and her daughter, Miss Maud Prece. Among those observed in the gallery were Frank Hight, Brig. Gen. George Horton, Charles Drayton, Miss Katherine Sutherland, John Gundry, Frank Tyson, S. J. Henry, Perry West, H. L. Rust, Jr., and Gwynn Rust.

The results in the various classes followed: Class 1—Open saddle: First, E. Nesbitt's entry; second, Eugene Meyers' entry; third, Roland Dawson's entry.

Class 2—Pair saddle: First, Roland Dawson and Elizabeth Jackson; second, Ruth Matthews, of Warrenton, and companion; third, Maud Prece and Tommy Cook.

Class 3—Ensemble Class: First, Miss Margaret Couzens; second, Mrs. Ambrose Prece; third, Eugene

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CRUISERS AND THE TREATY.

The cruiser bill is now the unfinished legislative business of the Senate, and the Kellogg treaty is the unfinished executive business. The cruiser bill stands in an advantageous position and if it has the support of a majority of senators it can pass in spite of the filibuster that is coming. No doubt an effort will be made to prevent a vote on the cruiser bill by thrusting in appropriation bills and conference reports; but the filibuster can not beat the bill unless the Kellogg treaty is delayed also. A filibuster against the Kellogg treaty could defeat both the treaty and the cruiser bill at this session, but this event is unlikely to occur, as the opponents of the Kellogg treaty are anxious to pass the cruiser bill.

Much store is laid by pacifists upon the advantage that would be gained by approving the Kellogg treaty before the cruiser bill is brought to a vote. It may be that several senators will press for a vote on the treaty for the purpose of killing the cruiser bill. If they become too eager in this direction the treaty will have hard sledding and may go into the Hoover administration along with the cruiser bill. The treaty must have a two-thirds vote; therefore a minority can make much trouble for it, and a bare majority can attach reservations. The cruiser bill needs only a majority; hence a minority can not obstruct it as easily as a treaty can be obstructed.

The assumption that the Kellogg treaty is as good as ratified is not borne out by present conditions in the Senate. It offers opportunity for interminable discussion, particularly when the interpretations made by Great Britain and France are considered. These interpretations can not be waved aside by the mere assertion that the treaty will be construed hereafter without regard to the understandings expressed by the parties when they adhered to it. The understandings are as much a part of the treaty as if they were in the text. If the understandings are not acceptable, now is the time to ascertain the fact.

The scrutiny of the Senate is invaluable in the making of treaties. Much as the Kellogg treaty is desired by the American people, it must be admitted that careful examination of an international compact is always prudent. If the pact is a pure and simple renunciation of war it will survive any amount of senatorial dissection. If it is a dangerous commitment, examination will disclose the fact.

In any event the United States must keep its Navy up to the strength required for the national security. The Kellogg treaty encourages peace, but does not insure the Nation against the injuries of war. Whether the treaty becomes effective or not, the American flag will fly on the high seas, and American guns must and will, if necessary, protect the flag.

THE AUTOGYRO.

Juan de la Cierva's autogyro has been given a successful test flight over American soil. When he was abroad last year Harold Pitcairn, airplane manufacturer, became interested in the novel machine invented by De la Cierva and purchased

a model with which to experiment in the United States. On Friday it was flown in Philadelphia.

The autogyro is neither airplane nor helicopter. In appearance it resembles a windmill turned on its side. Its fuselage resembles that of the conventional airplane and to it are affixed stub wings. Extending vertically from its center is a shaft, upon the upper end of which are mounted four blades that revolve horizontally in a 25-foot arc. These blades, the so-called windmill, give the machine a lifting power of approximately two tons. Forward motion is attained by a conventional airplane propeller mounted at the front of the fuselage.

The autogyro possesses two revolutionary traits. It can rise from a field practically vertically, and it can descend upon a given spot absolutely vertically. De la Cierva has demonstrated to the satisfaction of experts that the autogyro is practical, and his flight across the English Channel last September testifies to its air-worthiness. Mr. Pitcairn says that the machine is not yet practicable, but that it has so many points of superiority over existing planes that further experiment with it is advisable. Unquestionably, he says, the autogyro is much safer than the airplane.

Development of the device will be watched with intense interest by the aeronautical industry. Inasmuch as the autogyro demands a greater expenditure of power for the mere purpose of keeping itself aloft than does the airplane, it does not seem likely that it will supersede the conventional design. Since the autogyro, however, needs only a small landing field, it may have an important function to fulfill in serving as a ferry to connect urban centers with the huge flying fields of the future, between which air liners will be routed.

"CANCEL OUR DEBTS AND LEND US MORE."

Cautious feelers have been put forth to test public opinion in regard to the flotation in this country of an enormous amount of German bonds for the purpose of extinguishing reparations and war debts. A committee of experts is to meet soon to devise a plan for commercializing Germany's obligations to the late allied powers. If the plans now on foot can be worked out, it is proposed to adjust the entire liquidation of the war over a period of about 35 years. During that time Germany will be paying off the bonds about to be issued. The allies will pay part of the proceeds of the bonds to the United States in full payment of their reduced war debts, and the balance will be used for reconstruction of devastated areas, the increase of armaments, &c. The entire operation hinges upon the possibility of inducing the United States to scale down the war debts. Thus, in the long run, Europe proposes to liquidate the war by saddling most of the remaining burden upon American taxpayers, who must pay off all the debt contracted by the United States for the purpose of financing the allies during the war and afterward.

"And afterward" has a meaning that no American should forget. It is blandly stated by European spokesmen that the United States is morally bound to scale down or cancel the debts, because allied armies stood the brunt of the fighting after America entered the war. "It was a common cause," they say; "we paid in blood for your delay, and now you demand that we should pay back the money we used in fighting for your defense." A plausible argument, indeed; but it is smashed when the record is examined. The United States lent great sums to the allies after the armistice, when there was no fighting, and when the money was used in part for commercial purposes. These after-the-war loans, with interest, are as follows:

Great Britain	\$660,000,000
France	1,655,000,000
Belgium	258,000,000
Italy	800,000,000

The value of the debt agreement made with the various debtors is as follows:

Great Britain	\$3,297,000,000
France	1,681,000,000
Belgium	192,000,000
Italy	426,000,000

Thus it will be seen that the United States will receive from each debtor, except Great Britain, a total repayment amounting to less than the loans made after the war had ended. In effect, the United States is not collecting anything for money loaned during the war, except from Great Britain. Great Britain is more than compensated by collections from the others and from Germany.

All the debtors ask that the debts be scaled down or canceled, but not one of them expresses any concern for the American taxpayer, who must pay in full

all the debt contracted by the United States in behalf of its associates in the war.

What will these taxpayers say when Europe asks them to scale down the debts still further, or cancel them altogether? Will the United States Government protect the taxpayers, or will it join in a scheme to stabilize Europe at the American taxpayers' expense? Billions of dollars have already been written off the European debt to the United States, but not a dollar of the taxpayers' obligation to the Treasury has been written off. Interest rates to European debtors have been reduced or canceled, but American taxpayers are paying in full the principal and interest nominated in the Liberty and Victory bonds.

If the European nations were striving solely to recuperate and live at peace among themselves the American people would not regret having made concessions on the debt; but some of the money that should have come back to America has been devoted to armies, forts, warships, and naval bases. Great Britain has made Malta the greatest naval base in the world, and Singapore is becoming another stronghold. The British navy is much stronger than the United States Navy. France has spent huge sums in military preparations, meanwhile ignoring its debt to the United States.

President Coolidge said in his Armistice Day address that Americans did not propose to finance another foreign war. The plans now on foot in Europe contemplate a settlement that will be equivalent to that.

Americans are to be asked to lend additional billions to Europe, on the ground that the billions already borrowed are a crushing load upon Europe. It will be up to President Hoover, if he approves such a scheme, to convince the people that the only manner in which they can make restitution to Europe for the brutal act of lending it money is to lend it some more.

BEAUTY IN AMERICA.

Summarizing the artistic achievements of the year, H. W. Kent, secretary of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, predicts that America is on the verge of the most remarkable development in the history of art. He visions a revolution which will put art on a democratic basis, combining the influence of mass production in this country with the general growth of culture resulting from universal education. We can no longer relegate our artistic expression to the museum, he says, pointing out that the strength of the present movement lies in its sincerity, its lack of artificiality and its directness of purpose.

This optimistic view of the art possibilities of the New World should be added to many other predictions that America will ultimately gain leadership in both art and literature. There is unmistakable evidence that an artistic sensibility is developing in the United States; and it will not be a copy of Old World estheticism. It will be founded on a new conception of art which will be in keeping with life as it is now lived. Art will be employed to adorn, not only the interior of churches, galleries and palatial residences, but it will enrich the architecture of cities and will affect the design and decoration of homes. It will be manifest in the building of parks, in statuary, and in the landscaping of highways and boulevards.

The fact that America has developed the most advanced economic civilization in the world, yet still lags behind the older nations in the development of art and literature, has brought severe criticism from many quarters. But it was necessary to build from the ground up. Poetry, sculpture and painting do not spring from an uncultivated soil. The pioneer must precede the home builder, the merchant and the manufacturer, and all these must be well established before the fine arts can be expected to appear. America has been a nation for only a century and a half, and during that time all her energy has been required to push civilization across the continent. Not until the present century has the groundwork been laid for the adornment of life by beauty.

Conditions are changing now. Wealthy men are beginning to foster literary genius. Patrons of the arts are increasing with the extension of higher education. Machinery is doing the work of the country and the people have more time and inclination to turn their thoughts to beauty.

The task of ridding the land of ugliness is a tremendous one. But America is undertaking the work with the same spirit in which her pioneers spread civilization from ocean to ocean. Much has already been accomplished in art and literature. Out of the new movement,



The Early Birds Are on the Wing.

and the universal encouragement of American painting, sculpture and writing, should blossom some of the finest art and literature of all time.

STEEL RAILROAD TIES.

What may easily prove to be a revolution in railroad construction in Britain has just been inaugurated by the placing of an initial order, on behalf of the Southern Railway of England, for 70,000 steel ties. Steel ties have been for some time in use in other countries, but the conservative British railroad magnates have hitherto fought shy of them, and thus the Southern Railway Company becomes in this respect a pioneer. It is calculated that with 70,000 ties, which will require 5,000 tons of steel, 35 miles of track can be equipped over a period of two years.

The motive for the change is twofold—practical and patriotic. In the first place, a ton of steel, costing about £11, will make some 14 ties, complete with the "chair," at a price estimated at 15s. 6d. per tie. The "chair" has at present to be separately fixed to the wooden tie. For the steel tie only the "key" and two small plates will have to be provided. Besides, the price of wooden ties has been steadily increasing, and all the best timber for the purpose has to be imported into Britain.

If the life of both classes of ties be assumed to be the same, namely, 20 years, the cost of installation, maintenance, and renewal would, at present prices, be about the same; but experience in other countries shows that the steel tie will outlast the timber one. For example, in Germany a life of 30 years for the steel tie is estimated. Thus the item of cost would be in favor of the latter. If the price of imported timber were to go up even slightly, as is not unlikely, then the balance of cost would be greatly on the side of the competing material.

The patriotic motive is seen in the help that would be given to the British steel industry, if steel ties came into general use and orders for them were placed with British firms, as has been done by the directors of the Southern Railway. The consumption of ties on British railroads is about 4,000,000 every year, and if all the mileage were steel equipped and if the same ratio of consumption were maintained, it would mean orders for some 300,000 tons of British steel annually.

The Southern Railway is not going into this matter blindly. Its directors have for some years been making experiments on the London-Portsmouth line, over which the heaviest locomotives and the most up-to-date rolling-stock pass daily. The results have satisfied the

technical experts that the steel tie is equal to the strain.

It is by no means improbable that by this new turn of events the British steel industry may enter on an era of much-needed prosperity.

BRITAIN AND THE TARIFF.

That the British government, by increasingly applying the safeguarding of industries act, has gone a long way in the direction of the establishment of a general protective policy is a fairly self-evident fact. That it may go farther and set up a universal high tariff law, with, perhaps, some discrimination in favor of certain needed foodstuffs and raw material for manufacturers, is well within the bounds of possibility. At all events, it is receiving some significant encouragement to abandon, either once and for all or as a worth-while temporary experiment, the traditional British doctrine of free trade.

At the recent annual luncheon of the Empire Industries Association the principal speaker was Lord Melchett. As Sir Alfred Mond and a Liberal, Lord Melchett used to be a free trader, but he saw a great light, abandoned free trade, and threw in his lot with the Conservatives. His speech the other day was a reasoned demand for protection. He contended that it is as clear as crystal that, unless the British Empire is speedily welded into some economic whole, there will be a tendency to economic divergence, which must in time undermine the slender bonds that hold the empire together. He maintained that the eyes of Britons must be turned, not to Geneva, but rather to Ottawa and to Sydney. He thought that, if courage enough were forthcoming to put a ring-fence, a tariff wall, around the empire, there would not be one free trader who could oppose such an extension of the free exchange of goods as that plan would involve.

In support of his case, Lord Melchett naturally turned to the United States, declaring that the American people had never hesitated to defend their position by means of high tariffs, and he asked if it were possible for Britain to go on without some measure of the same kind. He admitted that he had been a free trader, but he contended that not merely had conditions altered but also that the whole of British national sentiment had changed. People, he said, no longer believe in cut-throat competition as the salvation of industry.

Such sentiments as these, emanating from one of the great leaders of British industry, are bound to have weight. It will be interesting to observe the reaction of the present Conservative British administration to the overtures thus publicly made, especially as considerable

numbers of its own thick-and-thin supporters are avowedly and enthusiastically in favor of a policy of protection, and have been so for a long time.

GOV. ROOSEVELT'S PROGRAM.

Governor-elect Roosevelt has set for himself the task of giving New York a scientific administration. In an address before a large group of business men, legislators and politicians he pledged himself to put the State government on an efficiency basis. Mr. Roosevelt promised especially big things in tax readjustments. "We have a system of taxation in this State, as in the Federal Government," he said, "which has in large part grown up like Topsy. Some ingenious legislators, some ingenious governor, or President, would come forward with some new thought. And there has been the matter from time to time of the repeal of taxes, and that, too, has been the thought of some individual or some small group pushing it. The result is that our whole system in the United States is a patchwork, a growth rather than a carefully thought-out plan. One of the things we shall undertake in the next few years in the State of New York is a study of its business and the whole subject of taxation from a scientific and economic point of view."

The plan is full of promise, and it will be interesting to see how far the New York Governor-elect can carry it out without the inevitable interference of political powers. New York has a budget of \$250,000,000 per year to spend, compared with \$40,000,000 less than 20 years ago. The tremendous increase in expenditures has resulted from new demands for highways, better and more complete education, research activities, social welfare and hundreds of improvements within the communities of the State. Millions have gone for hospitals and parks. Obviously collection and disbursement of funds for these purposes require a maximum of business sagacity and a minimum of political influence.

Mr. Roosevelt's plan to appoint a non-partisan commission of experts to study State taxation should commend itself to other governors. The scheme may not result in reduction of taxation, as the governor-elect hopes, but it may correct inequalities and curtail wastes of the present system. Any movement to place government on an efficiency basis will be welcomed by the people.

It is generally agreed that people can't stand prosperity, but no two seem to agree as to the proper way to stand it.

Few people can profit by cutting their best friend, but the bootlegger does.

By VYLLA POE WILSON.

THE preservation of our national forests which is an important part of the work of many women's organizations, is not overlooked by them even at Christmas time when the Christmas tree blooms in many homes.

While the club women and women leaders encourage rather than discourage the use of the Christmas tree as a home-making essential at Yuletide, they are also carrying on a campaign led by the conservation committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs against wastefulness of trees at Christmas time. They are cooperating with the proper agencies in distributing knowledge to the women and to the owner of forests and lands just how and which trees should be cut in order to improve the supply of trees for other years, and to prevent a wood shortage. The women have informed themselves on what the experts on this subject regard as the proper cutting of trees and the necessary steps to preserve them.

The evolution of the living community Christmas tree as well as the tiny living Christmas trees to be planted when the weather permits as mementos of happy occasions has been marked by the efforts of the club women in the cities and communities during the past few years.

A woman first sketched the National-wide call for equal rights for Christmas trees when Miss Evelyn W. Smith, of Annapolis, Md., blazed the path for the living community tree by proving the practicability of transporting and transplanting them and setting up, for example, by her gifts of live trees to towns, and smaller living trees to individuals.

Approved by Coolidge.

The official stamp of approval was placed on the living community tree by President Coolidge, Christmas 1924, when he dedicated the community tree in the park back of the White House. This tree was a Norway spruce donated by Miss Smith.

Many of the club women's clubs having grounds, especially those in the suburbs, have planted Yule trees in their gardens and orchards, and some of Christmas for those who pass by decorating them.

Many women in Washington at Christmas time have not only their club or organization home to celebrate their Christmas in, so many of the Washington women are giving Christmas trees in their homes, or assisting at those at the club headquarters.

The business of cabinet making which is going on apace in Washington, even though the President-elect is in South America, interests the women particularly. There are many rumors about the organization headquarters that real recognition will be given to women and some women are given an assistant secretaryship or perhaps a secretaryship.

The wish expressed in a recent speech in Lexington, Ky., by Ruth Hays McCormick, the newly elected representative at large from Illinois, that the women who have done good work in the Government bureau will be promoted and that a woman Assistant Secretary of Agriculture will be appointed has pleased the ladies of the Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington as well as women leaders all over the country. It is pointed out that the Department of Agriculture through its home extension division and other bureaus has taken a special interest in matters which affect the American woman and the American home and has been most useful not only to the women on the farms but in the cities as well.

Aiding Cause of Women.

The American Association of University Women is sponsoring a national program for the development of new business and professional activities for women through surveys and the establishment of a clearing house for information on the entrance of women into various fields. This work will be done in cooperation with the Institute of Women's Professional Relations, which has just been established at the University of North Carolina.

The women will cooperate with the various business and professions in working out facts on necessary training and plans for training and education necessary for women who wish to enter these fields. They will also make a study of better adjustments between the home and woman's business and professional interests.

This is in line with the determined efforts being made by the General Federation of Women's Clubs with the assistance of other organizations to have home making, the daily duties of wife and mother and housewife, listed as a profession or at least an occupation in the census lists of the United States.

The latest report of the Nation-wide survey which has been carried on by the Federation of Women's Clubs for the last few years show that more homes in the United States are equipped with electric lights than have stationary wash stands. About two-thirds of the homes investigated have stationary bathtubs and electric irons, and half of them telephones and automobiles. Twice as many have electric irons as have pianos. There are more phonographs than electric washing machines. Of 22 different household conveniences listed, 11 had to do with keeping the house clean.

Christmas Cheer for Disabled.

Christmas cheer has been taken to the Washington service hospitals and the veterans there through the kind ministrations of the recreation and hosts committee and the Ladies of the Blue Vets of the District Chapter of the American Red Cross. Mrs. W. S. Spencer, chairman of hospitals for the District chapter, has directed the work of the under workers on their missions of Yuletide and through the benefactions of Miss Alice Clapp, the good angel of service men in the District, the Christmas cheer and gifts have been provided for the men in Mount Alto U. S. Naval Hospital and St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The Gray Ladies of Walter Reed, a unit affiliated with the District Red Cross, have performed the same kindly offices for those in Walter Reed.

Therefore, through these women no veteran in Washington spending his Christmas Day in a local hospital will be allowed to feel lonely or without suitable remembrance of the season.

In addition to the gifts and comforts, Christmas carols and programs, and even dances for the convalescent will do much to brighten up the day for these sons of America who are still paying the price for democracy.

Woman's City Club.

At the Woman's City Club tea this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock for members of the club and their guests, a program of Christmas carols will be given by members of the club chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Gertrude Lyons, chairman of the music section. Four children from the juvenile choir of Keller Memorial Lutheran Church—Virginia Wood, Catherine Koch, Kathleen Birnstien and Virginia Bell—will assist the club chorus. Marjorie De La Mater will sing.

The Monday bridge section has the following enrollment of members who meet Monday afternoons at 1:45 o'clock each week: Mrs. A. F. Arnold, Mrs. C. L. Butler, Mrs. Edgar T. Brown, Mrs. Lucia Borden, Mrs. E. B. Culley, Mrs. George Chase, Mrs. Estelle Campbell, Mrs. H. Caruth, Mrs. O. Cheney, Mrs. T. H. Dawson, Mrs. M. M. Dolmage, Mrs. Lewis Flemer, Mrs. Susan Gwynne, Mrs. A. B. Hayes, Mrs. F. F. Hayward, Mrs. John H. Harwood, Mrs. D. H. Herring, Mrs. Edith O. Hel-

del, Mrs. James Irwin, Mrs. A. K. Lowe, Mrs. A. S. Madden, Mrs. Mary Mason, Mrs. George A. Martin, Mrs. H. L. McCoy, Mrs. L. H. Mattingly, Mrs. P. B. Meis, Mrs. G. B. Middlemies, Mrs. W. McManis, Mrs. J. H. Moore, Mrs. J. J. Stephens, Mrs. Fred Reppel, Mrs. J. J. Stephens, Mrs. Elma Saul, Mrs. Charles E. Sener, Mrs. J. J. Slocovich, Mrs. Slocovich, Mrs. Corbin Thompson, Mrs. E. D. Vossbury, Mrs. Van Metre, Mrs. Charles H. Wilcox, Mrs. A. B. Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Whitney and Mrs. Frederick Yates. During the social hour last Monday a reception was held in honor of the new members of the club. The next meeting will be Monday, December 31, Mrs. J. Edwin Reid is chairman.

Mrs. Margaret Hill has arranged that a Christmas dinner be served from 5:30 to 7:30 o'clock in the ball room of the club house for members and guests.

Mrs. Francis B. Merchant, chairman of the civic section, has arranged a luncheon for Saturday, Col. U. S. Grant 3d, will be the speaker. Mrs. Merritt O. Chance, president, and Miss Mary E. Lazenby will assist.

Mrs. Lawton Miller, chairman of the old welfare committee, announced a lecture on "The School Child," by Dr. Ernest Hadley, at a luncheon, January 11, in the club house.

Twentieth Century Club.

Merle Thorpe, editor of "Nation's Business," will be the speaker at the monthly meeting of the Twentieth Century Club. His subject will be announced later.

The Archaeological Section will meet Friday at 2:45 p. m. in the 2222 Woodley place. Miss Charlotte Priest, of National Park Seminary, will speak on remains of early men found in the Ozarks. Mrs. Josephine Lowe is the leader.

Petworth Woman's Club.

The Petworth Woman's Club held its monthly meeting Monday at the Petworth School. Mrs. Edgar Merritt, president, presided.

Approximately 250 members of the club were present. The club is planning a Christmas tree to be planted in the school grounds.

The music section sang two choruses and Mrs. Harlan Randall sang a solo. The hospitality section entertained with a short humorous sketch, "They Say."

League of Republican Women.

The first of a series of luncheons of the League of Republican Women was held at the Washington Club Monday. The guests of honor were introduced by the president, Mrs. E. Hartman, and were Mrs. Edward E. Gann and Edmund Platt, vice governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

Among those present were Mrs. Alvin T. Hert, Mrs. Virginia White Speer, Mrs. Samuel J. Prescott, Mrs. J. O. Murdock, Mrs. Marion Butler, Mrs. William B. Turner, Mrs. F. D. Head, Mrs. Joshua Crane, Mrs. H. L. Hodgkins, Mrs. Victor Kaufman, Mrs. Homer Hoch, Mrs. F. M. McKeefe, Mrs. Edward Nelson Dingler, Mrs. Marcus Benjamin, Mrs. H. L. Alger, Mrs. H. K. Daugherty. The centerpiece on each table was a large elephant, the party symbol. Several new members were elected.

The next meeting of the league will take place Monday, January 7, at 3:30 p. m. at the Washington Club. The subject will be "The Cruise of the U. S. Naval Cruisers Bill" and the leaders are Mrs. Charles Alger and Mrs. Clara McQueen.

Mrs. Edward A. Hartman, president of the league, and Mrs. Virginia White Speer, honorary president and a member of the national committee for the District of Columbia, have been appointed to serve on a special committee for the inauguration of Herbert Hoover, March 4, under the leadership of Col. U. S. Grant 3d.

Voteless League.

The board of the Voteless League of Women Voters at a recent meeting voted approval of the civic center plan, as drawn by Albert L. Harris, municipal architect, thus making it possible for the league to have a permanent headquarters. The committee of ten who will serve as a committee on information at the Conference on the Causes and Cure of War will be Mrs. Frank Hiram Smith, Mrs. Charles McCarty, Mrs. Laura Wilson, Mrs. Thomas Sidwell, Mrs. James Edson Myer, Miss Dorothy Detzer, Mrs. Louis Ottenberg, Mrs. Helen Gardner Colton, Mrs. Clara Wright Smith and Mrs. Lester Pollock.

The committee on international cooperation to prevent war is urging that every member of the league manifest her interest in the prevention of war by enrolling in the study classes which the league is conducting in connection with the American Association of University Women. Dr. Esther Calkin, national secretary for international relations, is the leader of the group that will meet at 11 a. m. January 3. The evening class will meet at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Blaisdell as leader.

Woman's Alliance.

The Woman's Alliance of All Souls' Church (Unitarian) will hold its Christmas meeting in Pierce Hall, Fifteenth and Harvard streets, Friday, at 11 a. m. Mrs. Merritt O. Chance, who accompanied her husband on a recent scientific expedition, will give an account of his discoveries in the caves of Santo Domingo, and of the prehistoric Chamber of the Americas. The talk will be illustrated with stereoscopic slides.

The Junior Alliance and L'Allegro Club will give a Christmas luncheon. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock. Mrs. Blaisdell will be hostess.

Zonta Club.

The Zonta Club had as its guest Wednesday Dr. Moses Lovell, pastor of the Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, who gave a Christmas talk. A program of Christmas music was led by Mrs. Leonard E. Reed and Mrs. Ethel Holzman. Cavalcade was given by Mrs. Louise Mitchell, a former member of the Washington Zonta Club, was the guest of Miss Anna Muddiman; Miss Rose Lee Hardy, assistant superintendent.

THE STIRRING OF A HOST.

(Written as a protest against the removal of "Old Glory" from the flap pole in Arlington National Cemetery.) They're watching from the hilltop's brow. They're watching from the glen. They're doing special duty now—Each evening when it sets. They're guarding you, they're guarding me. A ghostly host in blue: They walk their post in silence As of old they used to do.

Each morning when the sun appears, Each evening when it sets. They stand the heroes of the years—With guns and bayonets. And when the call to colors steals Its way through men's lanes, They hear, and every soldier feels The thrill of life again.

With guns and sabers at "present!" Each soldier stands erect, And gazes at the flag intent. In worshipping respect. Let no man rob the hero dead In yonder holy graves Of that for which they fought and bled, And now above them wave! H. E. PARKER.



Left—Mrs. Theodore Cogswell, chairman of the Woman's Bar Association banquet committee. Center—Mrs. A. W. Macauley, president of the Women's Auxiliary of Fidae, the Interlaid Veterans Association. Right—Mrs. George F. Bowerman, president of the Twentieth Century Club.

independent of schools, in charge of elementary education, was the guest of Miss Jessie K. Laskie; Mrs. Clinton R. Stambaugh; Mrs. Marshall Davis was the guest of Mrs. Amelia Gude Thomas; Miss Lillian Bowman was the guest of Miss Elizabeth A. Hummer; Mrs. W. L. Gutelius was the guest of Miss Frances Gutelius; Miss Ida Larson was the guest of Miss Mary Wright Stigman; and Mrs. Homer Guerry was the guest of Miss Caroline A. Longfellow. The club has arranged a Christmas party to be held at the Grace Dodge Hotel on Saturday evening.

Women's Club, Chevy Chase.

A musical play was given by the music section of the Women's Club of Chevy Chase Wednesday. The play, "The First Analogy," was written by Mrs. J. Harry Cunningham, and it was directed by Mrs. Theodore W. Norcross. The cast was as follows: Uncle Sam, Mrs. John D. Sutton; Columbia, Mrs. Louis L. Boehhoff; Indian, Mrs. Joseph DeVaux; Pilgrim, Mrs. Lydia Offutt; Old New York, Mrs. Herndon Morell; Quaker, Mrs. George Gravitt; Southern Lady, Mrs. Roger G. Wells; Her Majesty, Mrs. R. S. Stinson; Mount Vernon, Mrs. Horace W. Gillette; Kentucky Colonel, Mrs. Clarence E. Dawson; Queen of the Prairies, Mrs. Roy F. Stewart; George Washington, Mrs. M. Vinal; California, Mrs. J. P. Ault; Alaska, Mrs. James Bernard; Central America, Mrs. Cato Hurd; South America, Mrs. Charles Inley; Canada, Miss Mattie Gibson; Mexico, Mrs. Paul B. Dunbar; Great Britain, Mrs. William F. Demer; Ireland, Mrs. John O. Dunne; Scotland, Mrs. Ralph C. Wilson; Wales, Mrs. Charles Mair; France, Mrs. Frederick Smith; Spain, Mrs. Marshall C. Guthrie; Italy, Mrs. C. F. Stuller; Germany, Mrs. Archer Haycock; Holland, Mrs. Francis M. Shore; Scandinavia, Mrs. Harold Dotterer; Greece, Mrs. George D. Graham; Turkey, Mrs. G. A. Birch; Arabia, Mrs. Roland Whitehurst; India, Mrs. J. J. Underwood; China, Mrs. Henry H. Brawner; Japan, Mrs. George H. Kahan; and the Dancer, Mrs. J. W. McCathran. Santa Claus was played by Herndon Morell, conductor of the music section. Mrs. E. H. Russell, Mrs. Francis M. Shore and Mrs. G. D. Graham assisted the director.

University Women.

Members of the American Association of University Women, who have degrees from foreign universities, will be hostesses at tea at the clubhouse tomorrow, January 2, at 4 p. m. The program will be omitted.

The book review group will meet Thursday, Mrs. M. A. Anderson will be in charge. Mrs. K. R. Ringer will review "The Happy Mountain" and Mrs. Anderson will review "Point Counter Point."

The second number of the course "Interpretations of New Forms of Old Arts" will be given Friday at 8:15 p. m. at the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium. The club then presents Miss Anita Zahn.

DEAREST GENEVIEVE: Even though this is Sunday, I suppose you are still doing up packages. I have a few Christmas cards for you. And what time will you be home? I'll be home at 10. I'll be home at 10. I'll be home at 10.

For Instance At Becker's

—you may select every imaginable sort of gift in the gift shop, from a set of ash trays to a bridge table. This department in Becker's shows 1000 different things too innumerable to describe.

In fine leather novelties no shop in the country surpasses the exhibits at Becker's. 1314 F street. Jewel cases in dainty pastel leathers in many different shapes and conceptions are moderately priced.

Of course, purses and handbags are shown in greater variety in this shop than ever before, and a purse for some one may be in your list tomorrow.

It's Open At Last

The Canterbury Bell Dinner Club, 3700 Massachusetts Avenue, is now open. I have been telling you about it for some time, and I suppose you are all curious to know what the food is like, now that it's open, and all about it.

Crowds of people came the opening night and it has kept up just like that ever since. Every one is so pleased with the decorations, with the excellent service and with the delicious food.

Such a menu for \$2.00 and for \$1.50 is hard to imagine. The \$2 dinner includes everything from champagne to dessert and coffee, and the other will omit soup and salad. They serve the most toothsome hot breads, flaky mignons, assorted salads, all crisp and fresh on the same tray, and everything good. Go out right away and try it.

Many families have planned to have Christmas dinner in this beautiful new dinner club.

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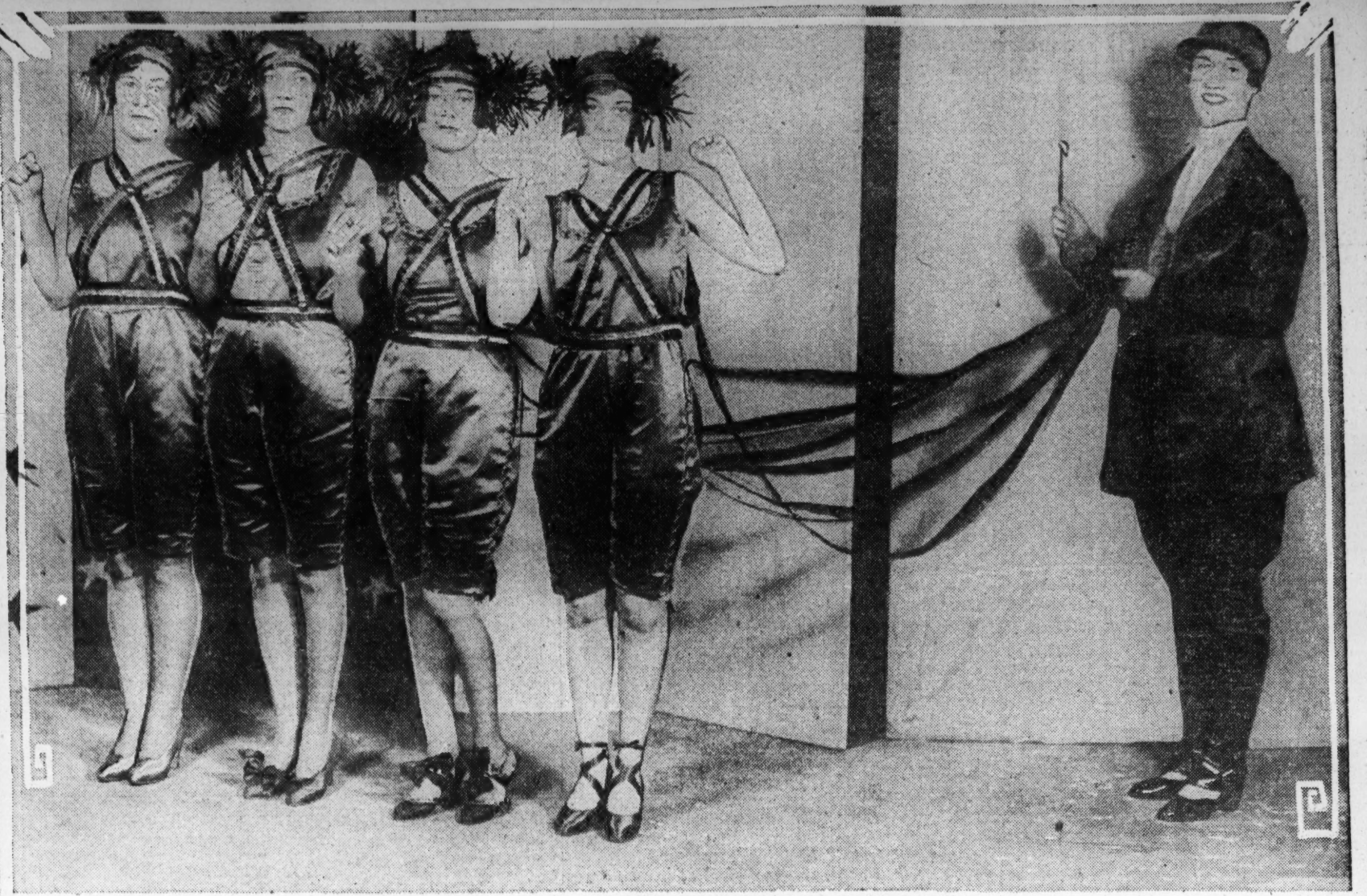
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By CHRISTINE Q. OWEN.

IN the National Capital, where so many nations are represented, the Christmas season is a time when the members of the Diplomatic Corps take special opportunity of sending greetings to each other and the spirit of Christmas is felt on all sides.

In spite of the many social functions of the past week, every one seems to have taken time to join in the usual rush of Christmas shopping and the shops have rivalled afternoon teas lately as meeting places for society.

This will be the seventh Christmas that President and Mrs. Coolidge have been in Washington, and, as in former years, they have been showered with presents from all parts of the country. It must be hard for them, however, not to have their son, Mr. John C. Coolidge, with them for the holidays, but as he is working this year, his vacation is probably too short for him to take the trip to Washington. He will doubtless pass Christmas day with the family of Gov. John H. Trumbull in Hartford, Conn.

THE last Cabinet dinner was on Tuesday night, when the Secretary of War, Mr. Dwight F. Davis, entertained in honor of the President and Mrs. Coolidge. As Mrs. Davis was ill at the time, her daughter, Miss Alice Davis, acted as hostess. Mrs. Coolidge left the following day to visit her mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, at Northampton, Mass., but she is expected to join the President for Christmas.

Following the usual custom, President and Mrs. Coolidge expect to be present at the community tree tomorrow night and afterward to hear the Christmas carols sung at the White House. On Christmas morning it is always Mrs. Coolidge's custom to help the Salvation Army distribute toys, food and other gifts to needy families, so she is considered by many in the city as "Lady Bountiful."

The Vice President and Mrs. Dawes already have gone to their home at Evanston, Ill., where they will remain for the holidays.

LAST Sunday began a busy week, socially, in Washington. The Chief Justice and Mrs. William Howard Taft were the honor guests at a luncheon that day, when their hosts were Judge and Mrs. Samuel J. Graham. In the evening there were several entertainments. The Ambassador of Turkey, Ahmed Muhtar Bey; the Minister of Persia, Mirza Davoud Khan Mefteh, and the Second Secretary of the Persian Legation, Prince Firouz, were entertained at a buffet supper by Maj. and Mrs. Walter Evan Prosser, when there were 42 guests. Dinners were given by the Charge d'Affaires of the Legation of Salvador and Senora de Leiva for the new American Minister to their country, Mr. Warren Delano Robbins, and Mrs. Robbins; by Representative and Mrs. Fred A. Britten for Senator and Mrs. Charles S. Densen, and by Representative and Mrs. Sol Bloom for the retiring Counselor of the Legation of Czechoslovakia and Mme. Lipa, who will sail Friday for France.

Monday was an especially gay night, when there were dinners at three embassies. At the dinner at the Italian Embassy two other ambassadors and their wives were present, the Ambassador of France and Mme. Claudel and the Ambassador of Japan and Mme. Debuchi. Then the Ambassador of Brazil, Mr. S. Gurgel do Amaral, entertained that night

and again Thursday night in honor of delegates to the International Conference on Arbitration. On Monday night his ranking guests were the Secretary of State and Mrs. Kellogg, and there were three other ambassadors present, the Ambassador of Peru, Dr. Hernan Velarde; the Ambassador of Chile, who was accompanied by Senora de Davila, and the American Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Dwight W. Morrow. On Thursday night the Ambassador of Brazil had as his ranking guest, Senora de Telles, wife of the Ambassador of Mexico.

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That evening society was well represented at the concert of Latin-American music by the United Service Orchestra and assisting artists. This was given by the Director General of the Pan-American Union, Dr. Leo S. Rowe, in honor of the delegates to the Pan-American Conference on Arbitration and Conciliation, and was largely attended by the Diplomatic Corps.

The delegates to the arbitration conference, who have had numerous functions in Washington, had several more entertainments given in their honor lately. Ambassador Morrow was their host at a luncheon Wednesday, the Minister of Panama and Mme. Alfaro entertained at dinner for them that evening, and on Friday there was an afternoon reception in their honor, given by the Minister of Guatemala and Senora de Recinos, who were assisted by the ladies of the staff of the legation. Today the Minister of Colombia, Dr. Enrique Olaya, will be their luncheon host.

SOCIETY was well represented at the Junior League benefit Wednesday night. This year that popular organization gave a circus and it proved a big success. These entertainments of the Junior League not only help a worthy cause, but show much talent by the younger generation of Washington. Most of the dinners that evening preceded the circus, so the Washington Auditorium was a gay scene.

Retiring diplomats are always much entertained before they leave the country and there have been so many changes in the corps that a great many of the social activities have been in their honor. On Thursday night the dean of the corps, Sir Esme and Lady Isabella Howard were dinner hosts for the retiring Minister of the Irish Free State, Mr. Timothy A. Smiddy, who went yesterday to New York to sail January 4.

The Ambassador of Peru, Dr. Hernan Velarde, was the ranking guest at another dinner Thursday night, given by the Minister of the Dominican Republic and Senora de Morales. The Ambassador of Japan and Mme. Debuchi were the honor guests at a

dinner given by Senator and Mrs. Henry Wilder Keyes.

FRIDAY night the Ambassador of Germany and Frau von Prittwitz were again dinner hosts. Later in the evening society was well represented at a ball given by Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hubbard for Miss Carolyn Huston Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Huston Thompson, at the Mayflower. This was attended by a number of out-of-town guests.

CHRISTMAS will be celebrated by two large balls. On Christmas Eve there will be the one for the midshipmen and cadets of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps at the Mayflower. Mrs. Charles P. Summerall, wife of the chief of staff, heads the list of Army patronesses for the ball, and Mrs. Curtis D. Wilbur, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, is at the head of the Navy patronesses, with Mrs. Theodore Douglas Robinson, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and Miss Elizabeth Warner, sister of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Aeronautics, Mr. Edward P. Warner, also on the list.

Miss Anna Robbins, daughter of the Assistant Secretary of War, Col. Charles B. Robbins, will be chairman of the debutante floor committee, assisted by Miss Beatrice Littlefield, who is vice chairman. Col. George B. Conly will represent the Army and Capt. Alfred Johnson will represent the Navy as chairmen of the men's floor committee.

As all the members of the services will be in full dress uniforms, this ball is expected to have an unusually gay appearance and many boxes already have been taken for the event.

EVERY one is interested in the ball held for over twenty years on Christmas night for the Children's Country Home. Through the chairman, Mrs. Randall Hagner, and others on her committee, plans have been completed for a gay night than ever before, and Mrs. Joseph Himes, vice president of the board, has arranged for an entertaining surprise for the guests.

As in former years, the receiving line will be short, consisting of Mrs. Alexander Legare, president of the board; Mrs. Himes, Mrs. Randall Hagner and Mrs. Joseph Leiter, former president. Miss Anne Carter Greene and her committee of fifteen of the season's debutantes will be in charge of several of



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The boxholders include the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Andrew W. Mellon; Countess Szechenyi, Mrs. James Couzens, Mrs. Walter Edge, Mrs. Peter Golet Gerry, Mrs. David A. Reed and Mrs. Richard Aldrich among those in the official set; also

Mrs. Paul Bastedo, Mrs. Frederick H. Brooke, Mrs. Sidney Cloman, Mrs. James F. Curtis, Mrs. Walter Denegre, Mrs. James C. Dunn, Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock, Mrs. A. Y. B. Garnett, Mrs. William B. Hibbs, Mrs. Himes, Mrs. R. R. Hitt, Mr. Frank Hogan, Mrs. Legare, Mrs. Joseph Leiter, Mrs. Frank Letts, Mrs. Jacob Leander Loose, Mr. Horace Luttrell, Mrs. William P. Meredith, Mrs. Eugene Myer, Mrs. Joseph Noell, Mrs. Frank B. Noyes, Mrs. Arthur O'Brien, Mrs. Cleveland Perkins, Mrs. Edmund D. Rheem, Mrs. Henry B. Spencer, Mrs. James W. Wads-



Miss Virginia Peters, the
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THIS has been a season of an unusual number of engagements and the most recent one, which is of interest to Washingtonians, is that of Miss Betty Sturges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollister Sturges, of Chicago, to Mr. Henry Field, son of Mrs. Algon E. Burnaby, of Baggrave Hall, Leicestershire, England.

The reason that this is of interest here is that Mrs. Burnaby is well known in Washington, where, as Miss Minna Field, she passed her girlhood with her mother, the late Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, one of the most popular hostesses of the Capital. And, of course, every one remembers Mr. Thomas Nelson Page with affection.

Mrs. Burnaby, who is the wife of Maj. Algon E. Burnaby, has made her home

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England since her marriage, where she has entertained many of her American friends. She has always been an enthusiastic horsewoman since she was a little girl in Washington, and has kept up her favorite sport of hunting in England. The Prince of Wales and his brother, the Duke of York, have been guests at her home. The Duchess of York is a cousin of Maj. Burnaby, Miss Sturges' parents formerly lived in Philadelphia, and her time has been divided between that city, Chicago and England, where she has been a frequent guest of her aunt, Lady Sandwich. As Mrs. Field is in business in Chicago, where he is assistant curator of the Field Museum, it is probable that he and his bride-to-be will make their home in that city. The wedding will take place January 19.

The Vice President and Mrs. Dawes will be guests in whose honor the British Ambassador's Lady the Viscountess will entertain at dinner January 7.

The Ambassador of Peru, Dr. Hernan Velarde, will entertain at dinner on Friday evening at the Mayflower. Covers will be laid for 110 persons.

The Ambassador of Mexico, Senor Don Manuel Tellez, returned to Washington yesterday after passing several weeks in Mexico City.

The Italian Ambassador and Nobil Donna Antonietta de Martino will entertain at dinner Christmas for the embassy staff and their wives. They will entertain at dinner Thursday for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, and they will entertain on January 3.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Claudel will entertain at luncheon on Christmas Day for the staff of the embassy and their wives.

Mlle. Reine Claudel will entertain at dinner Saturday evening, when there will be dancing after the dinner.

Davilas Entertain For Kellogg.

The Ambassador of Chile and Senora de Davila entertained at dinner last evening in honor of the Secretary of State and Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg. The guests included the Ambassador of Peru, Dr. Hernan Velarde, the Ambassador of Brazil, Mr. Gurgel do Amaral, the Minister of Ecuador and Senora de Zaldumbide, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Evans Hughes, the delegates to the International Arbitration Conference from Peru and Senora de Mauturi, the delegate from Uruguay and Senora de Parola, the delegates from Chile and Senora de Foster, and Senor and Senora de Planet, the delegate from Paraguay, Senor Eligio Agala, and the Secretary of the Chilean Embassy, Senor Don Manuel Yanes.

The German Ambassador and Mme. von Prittwitz have issued invitations for a small dance on January 19 at the embassy.

The Japanese Ambassador and Mme. Debusch were the guests in whose honor Rear Admiral and Mrs. W. W. Kimball entertained at dinner last evening. The other guests were Senor and Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard, Judge and Mrs. Samuel Jordan Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W. Livingston Croome, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Warren.

The Minister of Switzerland and Mme. Peter will have as their guests for Christmas, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Peter, of New York, and their daughter, with them their son, Mr. Marc Peter, Jr., of Boston, and Mr. William Lescaze and Mr. Ceresole, of New York.

The Minister of Colombia, Dr. Enrique Olaya, will entertain at luncheon tomorrow in honor of the delegates to the International Conference of American States on Conciliation and Arbitration.

The Minister of Honduras, Senor Don Luis Bogan, has returned to Washington from Honduras, where he passed several months.

The Minister of Egypt and Mme. Samy Pasha will go to New York Wednesday to remain until Saturday.

The Minister of Roumania, Mr. George Cretzko, will entertain at luncheon Christmas Day for the staff of the legation and their wives.

The Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Andrew W. Mellon, will leave today for Pittsburgh, Pa., where he will pass Christmas week. He will be joined there by his son, Mr. Paul Mellon, from Yale.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Dwight P. Davis have with them for the holidays their son, Mr. Dwight P. Davis, Jr., who is here from Harvard.

The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Roy O. West, is passing the Christmas holidays at his home in Evanston, Ill., where he will have with him his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Augustus West. He will return the latter part of the week to the Wardman Park Hotel.

The Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. William M. Jardine will entertain at a box party at the Children's Country Home ball Christmas night. Preceding the ball Mrs. William Jardine will be the guest in whose honor her cousin, Miss Ruth Nebeker, will entertain at dinner.

Senator and Mrs. Key Pittman will leave tomorrow for Cuba with friends to pass the holidays.

Senator and Mrs. John Thomas, of Idaho, have with them for the holidays, Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas, who has arrived from the University of Idaho to pass the Christmas at 2400 Sixteenth street.

Senator and Mrs. Royal S. Copeland will pass Christmas at the Warwick Hotel, in New York, with Mrs. Copeland. Mrs. Clarence Groener returned yesterday from New York, where she went to visit Mrs. Copeland.

Kendricks Are Hosts To Bridal Couple.

Sensor and Mrs. John B. Kendrick entertained at dinner last evening at the Chevy Chase Club in honor of Miss Diana Cumming and their son, Mr.



MRS. KENT LEGARE, a popular young matron here, photographed at her home, 1714 Massachusetts avenue.

Manville Kendrick, whose marriage will take place January 3. The other guests were Mrs. John Wishart Henderson, of Scotland; Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gregg, Miss Bina Day Densen, Miss Katherine Amory, Miss Marjorie Mondell, Mr. A. T. Hobson, Mr. Hugh Cumming, Mr. William Mondell, Mr. Ross Anderson, Mr. Andrew A. Jones and Miss Midshipman Charles C. Kirkpatrick, who is the guest of Senator and Mrs. Kendrick.

The table was decorated with a large Santa Claus containing favors for every one.

The Military Attache of the Italian Embassy, Brig. Gen. Augusto Villa, will go to New York tomorrow to pass Christmas with his brother and sister-in-law, Count and Countess Alphonso Villa, returning to the Wardman Park Hotel on Thursday.

Maj. Gen. George Squier was among those lunching at the Carlton yesterday. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. Philip Campbell, Justice and Mrs. Peyton Gordon, Miss Evelyn Walker, Mrs. S. J. Henry, Miss Adelaide Henry, Mrs. John Henderson, Mr. Gwinn Rust, Mr. Thomas Stead, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Meyer, Mrs. Karl Klemm, Commander Raleigh Williams and Mr. Harry Norment.

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Thomas Q. Ashburn have had as their guests Col. and Mrs. Harry Gore Bishop, who left Friday for Honolulu. Gen. and Mrs. Ashburn entertained informally at tea for their guests Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Bishop, before her marriage on December 15, was Mrs. Ella van Horn Foulke, well known in Washington and army circles.

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Henry G. Sharpe will leave today for New York to pass the Christmas holidays. They will return in January.

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. W. M. Wright have as their guests for Christmas their daughter, Mrs. David M. Key, wife of the First Secretary of the American Embassy in Berlin, and her two children. Mr. Key will arrive in Washington the latter part of January.

Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Merritt W. Ireland are issuing invitations for a tea dance for the officers and families of the medical department of the Army at the Red Cross House at Walter Reed Hospital on Monday, December 31.

Maj. Gen. Frank McIntyre and his daughter, Miss Marie McIntyre, have returned to Washington after passing three months in the Philippine Islands. Miss Nora McIntyre, who attends the Sacred Heart Convent in Montreal, Canada, is passing the holidays with her parents.

The Counselor of the Roumanian Legation, Prince Mihail Sturdza, will return to Washington tomorrow after passing several days in New York.

The Financial Counselor of the Roumanian Legation and Mme. Boncosco have as their guest the latter's sister, Mme. Nina Quintesco, of Roumania, who will remain here two months.

The Secretary of the Legation of Honduras and Senora de Laguerre will return to New York today to pass the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Henry Wilder Keyes, wife of Senator Keyes, will entertain at luncheon tomorrow at the Willard for her cousin, Miss Marjorie Berie.

Mme. Riano, wife of the former Ambassador of Spain, is the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler P. Anderson. Mrs. Duncan Cameron will entertain at tea this afternoon for Mme. Riano.

Mrs. Wyant To Give Tea for Daughter.

Mrs. Adam M. Wyant, wife of Representative Wyant, of Pennsylvania, will give a tea dance on Wednesday in the palm court of the Mayflower for their young daughter, Miss Ann Moore

needs during the World War. Gen. Mason served overseas as an assistant of the A. E. F. in France, and died shortly after having undertaken this duty.

Miss Elizabeth Morris Kennedy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Kennedy, made her debut at a tea dance given by her parents yesterday afternoon in the ballroom of the Willard. Those assisting Mrs. Kennedy at the tea table were Mrs. W. F. Harris, Mrs. John A. Lejeune, Mrs. W. A. Mann, Mrs. Arthur Willard, Mrs. Marcus Benjamin, Mrs. Y. W. Richards, Mrs. J. S. Wall, Mrs. W. O. Gwynn, Mrs. C. E. Riggs, Mrs. Barron Du Bois, Mrs. James R. Randall and Mrs. Frank S. Hight. Others assisting were Mrs. Horace Macfarland, Mrs. G. B. Grille, Mrs. Lester Wilson, Mrs. C. W. D. Bunker, Mrs. John Wise, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Liseak, Miss Annie L. Williamson, Mrs. Charles Halman, Mrs. J. B. Glennon, Miss Jessica R. Smith, Mrs. George Calver, Mrs. C. R. Kurtz, Mrs. R. G. Ross, Mrs. Lee Phillips, Miss Dorothy Richards and Mrs. Edward Hunter. The debutante was assisted by Miss



MISS JOSEPHINE POMEROY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pomeroy, whose engagement to Baron Luigi de San Flora has recently been announced, the wedding to take place in Rome, Italy, on January 31.

Ellis Bostrom, Miss Marian Jardine, Miss Julia Harris, Miss Dorothy Dial, Miss Mary Lee Phillips, Miss Frances Wall, Miss Helen Shaw, Miss Elizabeth Branner, Miss Luvie Moore, Miss Mary Devereux, Miss Celeste Page, Miss Thea Carmalt, Miss Beatrice Littlefield, Miss Elizabeth Trescott, Miss Jean Peoples, Miss Eleanor Hunt, Miss Frances Morse, Miss Mary Shinn, Miss Virginia Kurtz, Miss Emily Virginia Wagman, Miss Emily Pemberton, of Durham, N. C., and Miss Bethina Parker, of Charleston, N. C.

Miss Kennedy wore a bouffant frock of fresh-colored satin and tulle, dropping in the back. She carried a shower bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Kennedy wore a black transparent velvet gown. The tea table was decorated in pink roses and sterva.

Miss Diana Cumming, whose wedding to Mr. Manville Kendrick will take place January 3, has chosen for her bridal party, Mrs. Walter Reed as matron of honor, Miss Eva B. Wise, of New York, maid of honor, and bridesmaids, Miss Henrietta Wise, of New York; Miss Mary Rose Scott and Miss Hildreth Scott, of Richmond; Mrs. Norman B. Chandler, of Cambridge, Mass.; Mrs. Ernest Swift, Mrs. Leonard Block, Mrs. Godwin Moore and Mrs. Alexander Gregg, of Washington.

Miss Bead Bride Of Dr. Robert E. Moran.

The marriage of Miss Jocelyn Greve Bead, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Bead, and Dr. Robert E. Moran, son of Mrs. P. T. Moran, took place yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents in Rockville. Father Callahan, of Gathersburg, officiated. The ceremony, which was attended by members of the fam-

ily, was followed by a small reception for the families.

Miss Bead was given in marriage by her father and wore a medieval gown of white moire with a lace yoke, high lace cuffs and a circular train cut in one with the skirt. Her tulle veil fell from a cap of rose point lace and she carried a prayer book from which fell white ribbons caught with knots of lilies of the valley.

Miss Virginia Russell was the maid of honor. She wore a sleeveless gown of turquoise moire with a full skirt and a large bow on one hip and carried pink roses and lilies of the valley. Little Marianna Kyle, niece of the bridegroom, was the flower girl and wore a white frock and carried a pink basket of roses. The ring bearer, Gordon Daisley, Jr., was dressed in a white silk suit.

The best man was Mr. James Moran, brother of the bridegroom. Mr. W. H. Bead, Jr., and Mr. P. Dale Bead held the ribbons forming the aisle to the

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Miss Hester Marie Laning, daughter of Rear Admiral Harris Laning, and Miss Frances Smith, of New York, are at the Wardman Park Hotel for the Christmas week-end, having come to attend the wedding of their daughter, Mrs. Commander and Mrs. Paul Bastedo at the Montgomery Country Club last evening. Commander and Mrs. Bastedo who have opened their home on Wyoming avenue for the holidays, have with them Mrs. Bastedo's sons, Tom Griffin, who is a student at the University of Virginia, and Dick Griffin, who is home from Lawrenceville Academy.

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Following the Christmas holidays the debutantes will return to college. Miss Mary Macatee to Smith and her sister to Bryn Mawr.

The grand ballroom of the hotel was decorated with palms and ferns for the occasion, and pink roses and sterva were used on the tea table.

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Mrs. William Knowles Cooper will be hostess to a company of 40 at a tea dance to be given on Thursday at the Mayflower for her son, William Knowles Cooper, Jr., and his schoolmate, Fred Jenkins, of Potomac, Pa., who has accompanied him home from Springfield College in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Walker Smith are passing the Christmas holidays in Cincinnati with Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Henry Fogue. They will return to their home here at the end of the month.

Mr. Robinson Bridgeford, of New York, will arrive today to pass Christmas with his sister, Mrs. A. B. Carrier.

Mrs. George Knox Berry will give a tea dance on Friday at the Mayflower for her daughter, Miss Catherine Berry, a student at Holton Arms.

Maj. W. A. Borden, Ordnance Corps, United States Army, stationed at Cleveland, Ohio, with Mrs. Borden and their children will visit Mrs. Borden's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Borden, at 2306 Tracy place during the holidays.

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by her mother, Mrs. Richard Henry Lynn, on Christmas Day at the Mayflower.

Mrs. and Mrs. James W. Carmalt will present their daughter, Miss Theresa Carmalt, to society at a ball to be given in her honor on Wednesday at the Mayflower.

Lieut. and Mrs. Robert W. Raynford have taken an apartment for the holidays at the La Salle, where Mrs. Raynford's mother, Mrs. Julien J. Mason, is passing the winter. They will arrive in Washington tomorrow.

Mrs. and Mrs. Albert J. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. William North Sturtevant and Mr. Alexander Hagner were hosts at supper at the Club Chanticleer Tuesday evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. Donald B. Jameson, of Indianapolis, are passing the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Jameson's parents, the Chief Justice of the Court of Claims and Mrs. Fenton W. Booth, at 1752 Lamont street.

Mrs. Harry Sanderson Morris will entertain at tea at the Wardman Park Hotel on Wednesday for her niece, Miss Florence Ingalls Wilbur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell P. Wilbur, of Hartford, Conn., who will arrive on that day to remain with them until the following week. Assisting at the tea table will be Mrs. Lester Baker and Mrs. F. T. Mosson. Mr. and Mrs. Morris entertained at a dinner dance at the Wardman Park Hotel last evening, having as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Rogers, of Frederick and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baker.

Col. and Mrs. William Prague Coleman, of Washington Barracks, will have their sons, Mr. William Prague Coleman, Jr., and Cadet Russell Coleman, with them during the holidays.

Mrs. Cornelius Gardener and daughter, Miss Barendine Gardener, will leave Washington on Christmas afternoon for Montreal, to enjoy the winter sports during holiday week. Mrs. Gardener plans to return in a few days, but Miss Gardener will not return until the day previous to the Bachelors' Cotillion.

Miss Stevens to Entertain With Luncheon

Mrs. Cabot Stevens has her niece, Miss Margaret Conkling, of Santa Barbara, and her nephews, Mr. Charles, Mr. George and Mr. William Conkling, as her guests for Christmas.

Mrs. Stevens will entertain at luncheon at the Willard Hotel on Wednesday in honor of Miss Phyllis Hight and Miss Mignon Sherley. Miss Florence Keys will preside at one table, where Mrs. Delos Blodgett will be assisting hostess for Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. Charles H. Mill will be joined today by her daughter, Miss Ruth L. Mill, who will arrive from New York to pass the holidays at 2230 California street.

Mrs. Richard Franchot will give a tea dance for her daughters, Miss Anne Franchot and Miss Betty Franchot, on Wednesday at the Mayflower.

Mrs. Joseph W. McIntosh, wife of the former Controller of the Currency, had a small luncheon party at the Willard yesterday.

Mrs. William B. Colver will have as her guest at the Wardman Park Hotel the coming week Mr. Mark Harris. The engagement of her daughter, Miss Polly Ann Colver, to Mr. Harris, who is the son of the Rev. Gibson William Harris, rector of Trinity Episcopal Church at Ossining, N. Y., was announced last year. He is in his senior year at Williams College.

Miss Margaret Campbell Garrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Walton Garrett, whose marriage to Mr. Albert Sidney Briggs, Jr., of Richmond, Va., will take place Thursday at 4 o'clock in the Bethlehem Chapel, Washington Cathedral, will have her

sister, Miss Betsy Garrett, as maid of honor.

Dr. Crenshaw Briggs, of Johns Hopkins Hospital, will be best man for his brother, and the ushers will be Mr. Roland Walton Garrett, brother of the bride, and Mr. Edward McCormick Williams.

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Commander Jewell to Lead Bachelor Cotillion.

Plans have been completed for the second bachelors' cotillion, which will be held on the evening of January 7, at the Mayflower. It was originally planned to give the second cotillion on January 14, but it was later decided to move up the date a week earlier. Commander Theodore Jewell will lead the next cotillion with Miss Elsie Hoban Alexander, Brig. Gen. Horton will again direct the figures.

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MISS CELESTE PAGE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Page, who is taking an active part in the middy-cadet ball to be held at the Mayflower Hotel tomorrow.

ary 30, with dancing from 9:30 to 1 o'clock.

An event of interest will be the presence of National Commander Paul V. McNutt, of the American Legion, and Mrs. McNutt and Mrs. Boyce Ficklen, Jr., national president of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The work this year will be under the supervision of Mr. Ernest V. McIntosh, attached to the U. S. Mayflower, the President's yacht.

The officers and members of the ball committee follow: General chairman, Mr. Thomas D. Walsh, vice chairman, Mr. Thomas J. Fraley; secretary, Miss Helen Sprague; treasurer, Mr. Howard S. Fisk; Mr. J. Miller Kenyon, Mr. Theodore Cogswell, Mr. Francis P. Miller, Mr. Charles H. Hillegeist, Mr. Norman B. Landreau, Mr. Austin S. Imrie, Mr. J. Thad Baker, Mr. J. J. Orlinsky, Mr. L. E. Atkins, Mr. Thomas S. Mason, Miss Helen O'Neill, Mr. James O'Connor Roberts, Miss Esther V. Hall, Mr. James P. Pierce, Mrs. Mary E. Kolmar, Mr. George P. Fraley, Mr. Edgar H. Hale, Miss Emily J. Carey, Mr. Howard P. Breeze, Mr. H. L. Wilson, Mr. Ben L. Fuller, Mr. Richard Seelye Jones, Mr. Paul J. McGahan, Mr. Wiley Fuller, Mr. Earl J. Brown, Mr. Wallace Streeter, Mr. Charles J. Painter, Mr. Charles Ellsworth, Mr. E. B. Lyon, Mr. Ernest V. McIntosh, Mr. Robert M. Tolson, Mr. E. T. Hilt, Mr. George F. Cook, Mr. Bernard G. McGee, Mr. Henry M. Jett, Miss Hope Knickerbocker, Mr. Thomas F. Franklin, Mr. John Thomas Taylor, Mr. James Phillips, Mr. John Lewis Smith, Mrs. Carolyn Herman, Mr. George F. Unmacht, Mrs. Amelia Boberg, Mr. B. C. MacNeill, Mr. Frank Kelly and Mr. Julius I. Peyer.

Miss Gertrude Sukil, daughter of Mrs. Pauline Sukil, of Johannesburg, South Africa, is making an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. M. Pasternak, of 4102 Harrison street. Miss Sukil is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Pasternak, and will return later to Washington.

Additional patronesses for the first Washington appearance of Angia Enters, young American dancer and pantomimist, are Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Miss Mary Mechlin, Mrs. Roseberry, Mrs. Dwight Davis, Miss Mabel Boardman, Mrs. Maxim Karolik, Mrs. Lawrence Lee, Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, Mrs. Pierce Butler, Mrs. George Hewett Myers, Mrs. Gibson Fahnestock, Mrs. James E. Freeman, Mrs. Carl Flemming, Miss Jean Coles, Mrs. Gilbert Grosvenor, Mrs. Justice Brandeis, Mrs. Duncan Phillips, Mrs. Cloyd Heck Marvin and Mrs. Eugene Meyer.

Miss Enters is being presented under the joint auspices of the Bryn Mawr and Wellesley Alumnae Clubs of Washington in her program of "Episodes: Compositions in Dance Form" on the afternoon of Friday, January 11, at 4:30 o'clock, at the National Theater.

Mrs. Alvin B. Barber, president of the Bryn Mawr Club, entertained at luncheon yesterday at her home in Bethesda for the members of the committee which is arranging for Miss Enters' recital. Among those present were Baroness Serge Korf, Mrs. J. J. O'Connor, Miss Peggy Burch, Mrs. Jack Tate, Mrs. E. G. Nourse, Miss Helga Helms, Mrs. F. U. Chobot, Mrs. E. G. Horgan and Miss Virginia Weakley.

Miss Beard Bride of Mr. Schanck.

An afternoon wedding took place on Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker, 236 Walnut street, when their cousin, Miss Christine Raphael

Beard, of Fulton, Ky., was united in marriage to Charles Armstrong Schanck, of Red Lodge, Mont. Miss Elizabeth Tofey was maid of honor and Mr. Philip Chester Doran was best man.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. William E. La Rue, pastor of the Takoma Park Baptist Church, of which the bride is an active member. Presenting the ceremony Miss Lucile Hardesty sang "At Dawning," her accompanist being Mrs. W. E. Neff, who also played the wedding march. The bride's Sunday school class of small boys acted as ushers and pages.

An informal reception followed the wedding. Mrs. Walter Ivey presided at the tea table, assisted by Miss Wilhoite. The bride was married in a blue-noon gown and carried pink roses.

The reception was held at the home of Mrs. Schanck, who was assisted by Mrs. Schanck wearing a tan ensemble, with platinum fox fur.

Mrs. George Middleton entertained Columbia Chapter, D. A. R., on Tuesday evening at her home, 3718 S street.

On January 11 the New York State Society will give a pageant and ball at the Willard Hotel. Descendants of old patriots will impersonate their ancestors in several scenes from American history. The pageant will be in the ballroom and the ball in the ballroom.

Boxes are being taken by individuals and by patriotic groups, with the promise that they will lend the color and atmosphere of those bygone days. Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr., is president of the society and Mr. Carlton Van Valkenburg is chairman of the ball committee. The boxes are in charge of Mrs. H. T. Herrick, at the Chastleton.

Miss Helen Hughes, president of the Beta Chapter, announces that Phi Pi Epsilon Sorority will hold its annual Christmas dance on Wednesday at the Potomac Boat Club. Miss Olivia Atherton and Miss Emily May have charge of the arrangements.

January 5 is the date announced for the post-holiday Washington University Chapter of the Chi Omega Fraternity, which is to be at 1 o'clock in the Mayon rooms of the Madison Hotel. It is expected that covers will be laid for at least 60 guests, including both active and graduate members from the chapter at George Washington University and members from the various colleges and universities who are in Washington at this time. Reservations may be made at once with any member of the committee in charge, who are Miss Mary Temple Hill, chairman; Mrs. William Ballinger, and Miss Helen Walt.

Phi Alpha chapter of the Chi Omega Fraternity at George Washington University will entertain at their annual formal Christmas dance on Thursday evening, from 10 to 1 o'clock, in the garden room of the Hotel Hamilton. Dean Anna L. Rose, dean of women of the university, and Miss Linda Jane Kinnannon, will be the official chaperones of the occasion, which is under the direction of a committee composed of Miss Hylda Wrenn, chairman; Miss Emily Pilkinton, Miss Lorena Carroll, and Miss Julia Denning.

Kentucky Society Fete on Friday.

It is announced by Mrs. Maurice H. Thatcher, president, that the Kentucky Society will meet on the evening of Friday at the Willard Hotel, at 8:30 o'clock.

Chord, Judge and Mrs. Charles Kerr, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. Savage.

Mrs. Eva Whitford Lovette has issued invitations for a Christmas party at her studio, 1731 Connecticut avenue, Wednesday evening. There will be a program of carols and choruses by the Lovette Choral Club and a group of soloists will be presented. A buffet luncheon will be served. Assisting will be Mrs. Lala Wood Volland, president, and the members of the board of governors of the Choral Club.

The Washington Chapter of the Trinity College Alumnae Association announces that their fifteenth annual ball will be held at the Willard Hotel, Friday, February 8.

Miss Esther Monahan is chairman of the dance committee. She will be assisted by Miss Sarah Stock, Mrs. James J. Hayden, Miss Bernadette Sheehan, Mrs. John J. Daly, Miss Catherine McMahon, Miss Rita Venable, Miss Alicia Goerner and Miss Mary Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene M. Fishell and Mr. Samuel Fishell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fishell.

Miss Hilda King entertained with a dinner party last night at her home in Beverly Courts when the guests numbered twelve.

Miss Peggy Freund, of Pittsburgh, and Miss Bernice Wolf, of Tampa, Fla., are holiday guests of Miss Evelyn Schlos.

Mrs. Bol Minister and daughter, Miss Dorothy Minister, left yesterday by motor for New York and will be guests of their cousins Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Dammann until Christmas Day.

Mr. Allan Goldenberg, who attends Mercedesberg Academy, is here with his parents for the Christmas holidays.

Will Pass Christmas In Chicago.

Miss Louise Goldenberg left yesterday to pass Christmas in Chicago.

Miss Peggy Saunders, of Philadelphia, is a holiday guest of Miss Phyllis Kronheimer.

Miss Peggy Strauss, of Pittsburgh, is here for the Christmas holidays with Miss Deborah Mae Liebman.

Mrs. Henry L. Kaufman and daughter, Miss Elizabeth Kaufman, depart today for Atlantic City and will pass ten days at the Ritz-Carlton.

Mr. and Mrs. August Baer and daughter, Miss Jeanette Baer, have gone to New York to pass Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. James Greenberg returned Friday to her home in Mount Vernon, N. Y., after passing a week with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Leon.

Mrs. Fanny Greenapple, of 2700 Connecticut avenue, has with her for the holidays her daughter, Mrs. Selma G. Cohen, of New York.

The Baltimore Chapter Sigma Omega Psi were honor guests of the local chapter at a bridge-luncheon yesterday at the Hamilton Hotel and at a dance at the Country Club last night.

Miss Hermine Wittgenstein entertained with a dance at the Roosevelt Hotel last night for her holiday house guests.

Miss Mildred Berman, of South Boston, is a guest for over the holidays of her aunts, Mrs. Eva Hexter and the Misses Stern, of Beverly Courts.

Mrs. Robert Scald, the national president of Hadassah, will be the honor guest at the meeting of the local chapter Wednesday afternoon at the Community Center. A playette, the "National Fund," will be given, followed by a social hour. Preceding the meeting there will be a luncheon in honor of Mrs. Scald at the Carlton Hotel.

Mrs. Gladys Nordlinger entertained with a family dinner party in the palm room of the Mayflower Hotel last night.

Mr. Robert Baum is home from University of Pennsylvania for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Alan Kaufman entertained her holiday guests at a luncheon at her home in Chevy Chase on Thursday.

Mrs. Sarah Hayes, of the American Red Cross, who has been at the Hamilton Hotel for three weeks, left yesterday to pass the holidays with relatives in Madisonville, Ky.

Mr. John Lucy, a student at Georgetown Foreign Service School, has gone to his home in Staten Island, N. Y., to pass the Christmas vacation.

Ensign John R. Pierce has returned to his ship, the U. S. S. Wyoming, in New York, after passing two weeks with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Claude C. Pierce, of Military road.

Ensign Jack Lee returned to the Wyoming yesterday after two weeks here with his parents in Chevy Chase.

The Washington Auxiliary of the J. C. R. S. of Denver, Colo., will give a charity ball Tuesday, January 8, at the Community Center. Miss Morris Stein is chairman and Mrs. Cecilia A. Atlas is co-chairman.

Election of officers was held at the regular meeting at the Home for the Aged Monday. The president, Mrs. Henry Oxenbury, presented a social hour.

Mrs. Louis N. Markwood, of Holly Grove, Md., entertained Thursday with a bridge-luncheon in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Sands, of Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Philip Friedlander and daughter, Miss Helene Friedlander, are passing a fortnight in New York at the Stratford Arms Hotel.

Chevy Chase

Mr. Bert Adelman has returned from Swarthmore College to pass the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adelman.

Miss Dorothy Nicholson entertained a dinner the past week at her home in honor of Miss Janet Large, niece of the President-elect, Herbert Hoover.

Mrs. Clarence M. Busch and her daughter, Miss Charlie, have returned to Miami, Fla., after passing several weeks in Washington.

Mr. Emory Waters of Johns Hopkins University has returned to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell Waters.

Miss Martha Evans entertained the "J" Club Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. William Blum, Jr., has returned to his home from Swarthmore College.

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Society

Payne's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George U. Laron, of New York. The guests numbered 25. Mr. and Mrs. Laron will remain over the Yule holiday.

Lieut. and Mrs. Frank H. Wirsig, the latter formerly Miss Anne Ridgely, of Annapolis, have returned from their honeymoon and will be with Mrs. Wirsig's parents, Prof. and Mrs. Reginald H. Ridgely, until early in January. Commander and Mrs. Alger H. Dreesel and their daughter, Miss Marguerite Dreesel, study at the Anna Moore Academy, left today for New York to pass the Christmas holidays with Commander Dreesel's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus R. Beal, at Foughkeape.

Lieut. and Mrs. Jennings Courts entertained at dinner and dancing last Saturday night at Annapolis Roads for Lieut. and Mrs. Henry D. Baggett and Lieut. and Mrs. Hill. Among the many interesting luncheon and dinner parties given last week at the Annapolis Roads Clubhouse was that of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Conradi, who have as their principal guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Conradi. Because of the many Christmas activities the regular Saturday night dinner dance at the clubhouse will not be given tonight. There was an interesting masquerade party given on Monday night by Mrs. R. L. Walker, recently elected to membership. She entertained with Mrs. William J. Gillespie and their guests numbered more than 100. Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis society is planning to do New Year's "a la Broadway" at Annapolis Roads on New Year's Eve. Already many reservations have been made by club members, who are promised one of the gayest celebrations ever held in this section.

Among the dinner parties at Carvel Hall last Sunday were two of especial interest. Representative Adam M. Wyant, of Pennsylvania, with Mrs. Wyant, who is treasurer-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and their daughter, Miss Betty Wyant, were members of one group. Senator John J. Blaine, of Wisconsin, accompanied by seven guests, passed the day in this city and then entertained his friends at dinner at Carvel Hall.

Lieut. Mason E. Mitchell is being detached from the Reina Mercedes and has been assigned to duty at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Lieut. Leo A. Tetter, of the Forty-first Destroyer Division, Charleston, S. C., has arrived to relieve Lieut. Mitchell.

Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, of Memphis, Tenn., is the house guest of Lieut. and Mrs. Mason Mitchell, of Murray Hill. Miss Claiborne and Mrs. Mitchell were associated with each other in China, doing missionary work.

Mrs. F. Duane DuBarry, after passing Christmas at 1001 St. Paul street, Baltimore, where they will be joined for the holidays by Mr. F. Duane DuBarry, Jr., a student at Yale University, will sail next month for Europe. Mrs. DuBarry passed last week-end here as a guest of Mrs. John Fitcher, of Wadsworth. Both she and her mother have many friends here.

Midshipman J. Wilson Leverton, Jr., will entertain a number of his classmates during the Christmas holidays as his house guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Leverton, Washington. Among those who will pass their holiday leave with him are Midshipmen Richard Reynolds, of Tennessee; George Green, of Arizona, and John Coker, of Mississippi. Midshipman Charles Keene, Jr., will entertain a number of his classmates from the Naval Academy during the midshipman's leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Keene, 1708 Twenty-first street, Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Keene will give a tea tomorrow afternoon from 5 until 7 o'clock for their son and his guests.

Clyde G. YTOETONI ETANOI ETA Commander and Mrs. Daniel A. McElduff had as their guests over last week-end Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. H. B. Broadfoot, of Washington. On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. McElduff entertained at a delightful tea at Ogle Hall to introduce Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. William L. Culbertson, who have leased that historic house from Mrs. Carlos Cusack for the winter season. Mrs. Bowers, wife of Commander Joyn Bowers, of the Navy, retired, is issuing invitations for a Christmas party on the afternoon of Thursday, December 27, from 3:30 to 6:30 o'clock.

Commander and Mrs. Theodore W. Johnson entertained at a supper party tonight for their son, Webster, who is a student at St. Paul's School, Mount Washington. The guests numbered twelve young people of Annapolis and



MRS. JAMES E. FECHET.
Army patroness for the Middy-Cadet ball, who is spending Christmas night at the Mayflower.

The Naval Academy. Mrs. Henry Van B. Laron will arrive on Monday from Valley, Wyo., to visit her parents, Commander and Mrs. Theodore W. Johnson, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Walter McLean has returned from a visit in Washington, where she was the guest of Mrs. Alexander Bentley and Mrs. Lawrence Towson. Mr. Ridgely Riley, a student of Penn State College, has arrived to pass the holidays with his parents, Col. and Mrs. Hugh R. Riley, of Murray Hill. Dr. and Mrs. Paul Henke have as their week-end guests Mrs. Henke's brother, Dr. H. P. Krieger, of Toledo, Ohio. Dr. Krieger is head of the chemical research laboratory for the France Stone Co. of that city.

Lieut. Comdr. and Mrs. Oliver O. Kessing and family have returned to their quarters on the naval reservation after a two-week stay at their old home in Indianapolis, Ind. They made the journey by motor.

Lieut. Richard Torrey will leave on Wednesday for duty at Fort Howard, near Baltimore, after passing six weeks' leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Torovsky, of Murray Hill. Miss Virginia Stonestreet, of Montgomery County, is the week-end guest of Mrs. Walter B. Dorsey and daughters at their apartment in the Gloucester.

The Commandant of Midshipman Capt. Charles Philip Snyder and Mrs. Snyder entertained at dinner Friday evening to have the senior members of Capt. Snyder's department meet the Superintendent of the Naval Academy and Mrs. Samuel S. Robinson. Covers were laid for 24.

Among recent arrivals in this city are Mrs. Richard Dericks, of Seattle, Wash., and her two sons. They are passing the winter at the Peggy Stewart Inn, in Hanover street. One of Mrs. Dericks's sons is a candidate for the United States Naval Academy and is a student of the preparatory school conducted by Prof. E. E. Wenzel.

One of the week-end events from the standpoint of the younger set last week-end was the tea-dance at the Brice House on Saturday afternoon by wives of the faculty members of St. John's College, for students of the college and their guests. Mrs. Gary, wife of Dr. Enoch Barton Gary, president of the college, presided at the tea table, assisted by Mrs. Landis, Mrs. Kingsbury, Mrs. Wallis and Mrs. Fitzgerald. About 25 couples were present.

Alexandria

Mr. and Mrs. Robert South Barrett, of 404 Duke street, and Mr. Barrett's sister, Mrs. Rathbone Smith, of 408 Duke street, will have as visitors at the two homes for the holiday season the following members of their family: Lieut. John Paul Barker Barrett, U. S. N., and Mrs. Barrett, who have been at the submarine base at New London, Conn., and are en route to Panama. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barrett and little son, of Hempstead, Long Island; Miss Viola Barrett, of William and Mary College; Mrs. Smith's daughter, Miss Elizabeth Smith, of MacDonald Institute, Guelph College, Ontario, Canada, and her son, Walter Barrett, of William and Mary College; their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poyer, of Lexington, Ky., and their uncle, Mr. John Barrett, of Wytheville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett will be at home on Christmas day at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, following their established custom, and the younger set are invited for 5 o'clock.

Among recent arrivals will have as their guests for the holidays her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Lloyd Uhler, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Calvert Smoot, 3d, of London, Ontario, Canada, with their children, Misses Rebecca Lloyd, Frank Wood and Katherine Smoot, and Charles Calvert Smoot, 4th, and her son-in-law and

Ticer; Miss Elizabeth Swan, daughter of Mrs. William E. Swan; Donald King, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. King; Miss Edwina Carver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Carver; Jack Donphan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander S. Donphan; Thornton Goods and Lester McMenamin.

Robert S. Brookings, 2d, entertained Friday night when his guests were friends of Seminary Hill who have returned from the colleges for the holidays.

The holiday dances of the Belle Haven Country Club will be on December 27 and New Year's night. The Sunday afternoon tea of last week was presided over by Mrs. William J. Boothe and Mrs. William B. Lloyd. A wedding of interest to a number of Alexandrians that took place in Norfolk yesterday was that of Miss Elizabeth Sampson Cluverius, daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cluverius, to

hard Knight, Julius West, Aubrey Matter, Harry Schaefer and Gordon Leary. Miss Margaret Horn, of Randolph Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, and Miss Jean Horn, of St. Hilda's Hall, Charleston, W. Va., were the guests the week-end of Miss Nellie Selden Lloyd Sommers, before going to Bermuda for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Healy, of Culpeper, are the guests for the holidays of Dr. and Mrs. Julian T. Bowman. Everett Clarke, of Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Va., is passing the holidays with his brothers, Andrew and Frank Clarke.

George Hamilton, of the faculty of the Episcopal High School, left on Friday to pass the holiday season at his home in Warrenton, Va. Miss Eleanor Wallace and Master James Wallace, who are passing the winter with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sidney Douglas, and

burg, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Nicholson, for the holidays. Forest Chiswell, of Swasey School, Manassas, is passing the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas A. Lindsey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bartels left last week for Greensboro, N. C., to pass the winter with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gordon Porter.

Lieut. William Jackson Morton, U. S. A., instructor at West Point, and Lieut. P. Moncre Morton, U. S. A., of Fort Rust, Va., are with their parents, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. William Jackson Morton, for the holidays.

Miss Margaret Reese, of the faculty of Rosemary Junior School, Greenwich Conn., will pass the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller Reese, and will have as her house guest, Miss Agnes Veech, of Louisville, Ky. Miss Kitty Reese, who is passing the winter studying in New York City, will also be with her parents.

Mrs. Charles Ellet Cabell entertained the Thursday Bridge Club, of which she is a member. Mrs. Frank McCormick, of Frankfort, Kentucky, Va., is the guest for the remainder of the winter of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller Reese.

John Harwood Abraham, who is attending Duke University, Durham, N. C., is passing the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Abraham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodfin, of Baltimore, are the guests of Mrs. Woodfin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roger B. Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Augustine Lettens have issued invitations for a dance on Friday evening, December 28, at their home, 511 North Washington street, for their sister, Miss Betty Joyce Graham, and her house guest, Miss Esther Ingelhart.

Mrs. Vogel L. Duguid, of Brookville, Fla., is the guest for several weeks of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nalls.

FASHIONS

By VYLLA POE WILSON.

THE relations between the Christmas doll and the fashions is a very definite one this year for the modern child, and incidentally her mother takes great pleasure in lady dolls—dolls dressed as matrons of fashion or as debutantes. Even the little girl dolls may be garbed in clothes which would be approved in fashion circles.

The grown-up little girls who may be real mothers or grandmothers maintain their fondness for dolls throughout the year. Fashion in Christmas-gift giving for the last few years has recognized this characteristic. We have advanced a long way, however, from the flapper dolls of a few years ago. The dolls of the present era of fashion are not eccentric at all, but artistic and beautiful and dressed with great taste.

It has been said that the American woman is the most luxurious being in the world. Therefore the boudoir doll, which fits so well into the modish dressing table and pillow-piled couch of many women who live in a simple



MISS MADELINE MARIE BURLEIGH,
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Burleigh, whose marriage to Mr. Edison Scriven Triplett will take place on December 27.

John Stewardson Crenshaw, Lieutenant, United States Navy, A reception followed at the commandant's house, Norfolk Navy Yard.

The social committee of the Old Dominion Boat Club has issued cards for the holiday dances, on Christmas night, from 10:30 to 2:30, and Friday, December 28, from 10:30 to 2:30.

Miss Thelma Ferrell, of Westhampton College, Richmond, is with her mother, Mrs. James Walker, for the holidays.

John W. Monroe, of Christchurch School, Middlesex county, is passing the holidays with his mother, Mrs. John W. Monroe.

University of Virginia students who have returned to their homes are John E. Roberts, Armistead L. Boothe, Ber-

attending school in this city, are with their mother, Mrs. Bruce Wallace, at Middleburg, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas will be with Mrs. Wallace and children for Christmas day.

Mrs. Blaine Elkins left Wednesday for a three weeks' trip to California. Miss Katherine Spittle, of the State Teachers' College, Farmville, is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elber Spittle.

Mr. William Byron Bailey, who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. King, left on Friday for New York, to pass Christmas week with her husband, Lieut. Bailey, U. S. N., of the U. S. S. Cincinnati, and will sail January 4 for Panama and Cuba for the winter maneuvers of the Atlantic Fleet.

Miss Elizabeth Nicholson, of Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynch-

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Using both sides of black crepe satin, Talbot makes an afternoon

dress with circular apron at the sides and back, and a seven-eighths coat with godet fullness at back. As in many models this flared line commences below the hips.

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FASHIONS

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newspapers, and the clothes worn by the great of the world in the motion pictures, so the great ladies and those about them of other periods looked with careful eyes upon the fashion trends as indicated by the dolls sent from Paris or London or other fashion centers.

The custom of dressing these dolls in the fourteenth century style is said to have originated in the salons of the Hotel Rambouillet in Paris, where a doll called La Grande Pandore was exhibited in full dress of each change of the mode. In the fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth centuries the world capitals of Europe were filled with dolls made as nearly alike as possible and dressed after the fashion of famous beauties and actresses, although, as in the dime novel age in this country, any young girl possessing one of these mannikins had to keep the fact carefully concealed from her parents.

Men's Fashions Included.

In the sixteenth century the habit of sending fashion dolls about as fashion plates and guides for those who wished to be in the mode also included costumes and fashions for men.

In 1764 dolls were made the shape and size of human beings and landed at Dover, England, from France, dressed in the richest materials and laces. Some of the authorities on the history of costume declare that this marked the first use of life-size figures in stores and windows to display

the finished garments. Even when England closed her ports in war time she allowed safe passage in the eighteenth century to a four-inch high alabaster doll called the "Grand Courtier de la Mode." In the case of the First Empire many of the British beauties expressed their chagrin because this fashion messenger was not allowed. According to an authority, "English fashion centers for dolls with long sleeves and shoulder straps in the Christmas motif, which can be replaced by something more seasonable as soon as the holidays are over and thus make the costume wearable for many weeks more."

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Early American women who depended on word from overseas for the latest fashions were very fond of receiving these fashion dolls and would often send their servants to far distant relatives and friends to let them look at the dolls and know what the mysterious "they" of that day considered proper to wear.

So, today, American women search the shops of New York and Paris and other fashion centers for dolls with chic and authoritative styles, not only to delight themselves or their little girls with creatures so beautiful to behold, but to uphold the Eleventh Commandment of the modern woman "to adhere to smartness and suitability in all things."

Emblematic of Christmas
Clothes for the Christmas parties are especially suitable this year, for the shops are offering gowns and materials of not only Christmas colors, but actually printed in holly leaves and berries and twinkling evergreen.

Some of the white-grained silk gowns designed for the debutante at Christmas dances have huge motifs emblematic of Christmas painted or embroidered on one hip or in design about the skirt.

One particularly interesting dress of this type, which fortunately is in the wardrobe of an heiress and need only be worn as long as its newness and novelty attracts, is of white-moiré made with a flaring skirt and vee neckline bodice, all in one with a design of holly made of tiny green shaded beads and red brilliants for the berries, beginning at the left shoulder and coming under the arm to end at the point of the longer in the back skirt. This is a perfect Christmas Eve or Christmas Night party frock, but would look out of place even a few days after Christmas week.

For the girl or woman who does not wish to provide a Christmas frock

or gown just for Christmas time the Christmas appearance can be attained by the use of velvet green corsage bouquets and shoulder straps in the Christmas motif, which can be replaced by something more seasonable as soon as the holidays are over and thus make the costume wearable for many weeks more.

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effect. The gown was made with a square neckline and sleeveless.

Lady Mary Heath, British aviatrix, wore at one of the evening parties recently a dress of black jetted tulle made longer in the back than in the front. With this she wore an evening jacket of gold and black.

Mrs. Peter Goelitz Gerry is wearing a smart beige ensemble trimmed with dark brown kimmer. With this she wears a small brown hat.

Mrs. Warwick E. Montgomery, Jr., had on at a dance a dress of white satin made on simple lines with a vee neckline back and front and a skirt longer in the back than in the front. Mrs. Guy Despard Goddard has an evening gown of white satin with sides of American beauty tulle and with hanging scarfs of the tulle.

Mrs. George F. Boverman wore at a luncheon a dress of black satin and chiffon with which she wore a black fur coat and a small black hat.

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins wore one day for a drive at Ventnor, N. J., where she is spending several months, a dress of black cloth with cut fringe of the material and baby lamb coat trimmed with a sable. She wore a small black velvet hat.

Mrs. Frances Bennett Poe is wearing a sport dress of beige silk and wool material with a coat of a deeper shade trimmed with fur. She wears a small beige hat.

In Black at Concert.

Mrs. Lawrence Townsend wore at the Wednesday morning musicale at the Mayflower a gown of black chiffon made with pointed uneven skirt and with a long waisted bodice with long sleeves with rhinestone chains forming the cuffs and the lower part of the full sleeves. Mrs. Townsend wore a hat of soft black velvet with a rhinestone ornament at the side.

Princess Margaret Boncompagni had on at the musicale a dress of beige crepe satin, made on simple lines with

a cape effect back. She wore a small brown felt hat and a sable scarf.

Mrs. George Mehta had on at the musicale a dress of black satin, with a small hat of gray and blue felt in turban effect fitting very close to her head. She wore a cross fox fur.

Mrs. Clyde Kelly is wearing a dress of bright blue crepe silk made on straight lines with which she wears a large sapphire "drop" on a platinum chain. Her hat is of black velvet and she wears a black coat trimmed with astrakhan.

Mrs. Wade Ellis had on at one of the luncheons a dress of black transparent velvet with a vestee of lace. With this she wore a small black hat, and a cross fox fur.

Miss Laura Harlan is wearing a dress of black crepe with a soft black velvet hat with a slight brim. Her coat is of black cloth with a cross fox collar.

Frau von Fritzelitz wore at one of the luncheons a dress of black velvet figured in bright red. With this she wore a mink coat and a small black velvet hat.

Miss Elsie Cassels is wearing a tailored blouse embroidered in beige with a sable scarf and small black felt hat.

In Transparent Velvet.

Mrs. Harold Walker wore at one of the afternoon parties a dress of black transparent velvet made with a long waist and a tightly fitted giraffe and tiered skirt. She wore one of the "new" hats and a large cross fox fur.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkinson is wearing a dress of white moire made with a flaring skirt longer in the back than in the front and with a V neckline in the back and shallow oval one in front. Mrs. Wilkinson is also wearing a sport dress of brown wool embroidered in darker shades. She wears a small beige hat.

Mrs. Nicholas Longworth wore at one of the recent dinners a dress of

blue brocade, made with a flaring skirt longer in the back than in the front. The gown was on princess effect and had a deep V neckline back and front. Mrs. Longworth wore diamond pendant earrings and a triple necklace of diamonds about her throat.

Mrs. Everett Sanders is wearing a dress of black velvet with a small black velvet hat. With this she wears a black coat with fur collar and cuffs. Mrs. Sanders also has a dress of bright green chiffon embroidered in crystals.

Miss Phyllis Hight had on at one of the dances a dress of white tulle made on slightly fitted lines and with a skirt long in the back.

Luncheon Dress of Blue.

Miss Mary Earle Huxton looked pretty at a luncheon in a dress of navy blue crepe de chine embroidered in tiny silver birds. With this she wore a small black velvet hat.

Mrs. Henry H. Rousseau has a black velvet dress made on simple lines with a vee neckline back and front and side draped elongated skirt.

Mrs. McClure Kelley wore at one of the dinners a dress of dark blue georgette made on simple lines with a vee neckline back and front and two-tiered skirt longer in the back than in the front.

Mrs. Frederick M. Bradley, formerly Miss Caroline Chamberlain, is wearing a dress of black chiffon made with a tiered sloping skirt trimmed with spangles.

Miss Mary Sheridan looks smart in a green ensemble costume trimmed with handsome fur and a small green hat.

Miss Mary Montgomery wore at one of the daytime events recently a dress of black crepe de chine made with a simple waist and a flared skirt. With this she wore one of the "new" hats of black velvet.

Mrs. James Crawford has a green crepe de chine dress with which she wears a green cloth coat lined with

gray fur and a small green hat to match. Mrs. Crawford is also wearing an afternoon gown of black transparent velvet and gold lace and small close fitting black hat.

Miss Elizabeth Hume wore at a luncheon a dress of purple georgette, made with a tiered skirt. Her hat is a small purple felt one.

Mrs. A. H. Cardwell had on for luncheon at the Army and Navy Club a suit composed of a red silk dress applied in dark blue and dark blue serge coat applied in red. She wore a blue hat.

Mathematic in Dress.

In spite of the unevenness of many hemlines, there is a mathematical precision about costumes of the moment that reaches the high note of winter smartness from morning to evening.

This "symmetrical tendency" is noted especially on dresses for morning and business wear while even formal afternoon frocks incline toward a methodical even unevenness obtained by two or three flounces or ruffles of the same length and of exactly the same length all the way around or the same length at each side at least.

Holiday festivities in Washington demand at least one handsome afternoon gown of a semi-formal nature. The woman with discriminating taste who can have only one of these costumes votes without hesitation for dark rich velvet, whether a chiffon velvet or transparent velvet. With the vogue for costume jewelry unabated, most women choose to have their gowns of this type devoid of trimming of any kind, but are particular about cut and line and the shape of the neck line, so that the dress may form a perfect background for their choker collar of green and crystal beads of generous size; the dangling shoulder pin to match, or better still, pendant earrings.

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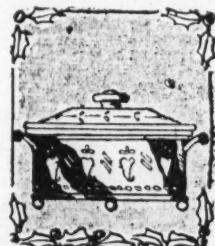
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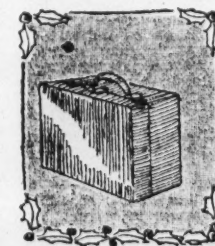
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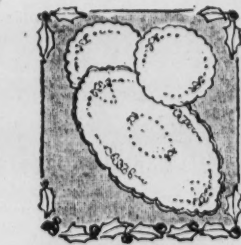
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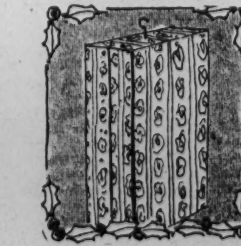
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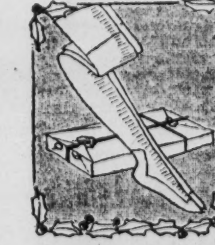
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MUSIC AND MUSICIANS

By ELISABETH E. POE.

ALLHAIL is the keynote of church and choral music for Yuletide. From choir to radio, dial and street singers come the same musical message of "Peace on earth, good will to men." Christmas music has been the source of inspiration to many of the world's greatest composers and the traditional hymns of the day reflect the interest taken in it by music masters of all ages.

The feast of Christmas carols and hymns is a rich one, indeed. From "Silent Night" to the "Hallelujah Chorus," the legendary basis of "Miriam's Song" cherished by the Jewish people, to "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," with its measure of the work of the great Mendelssohn, to Bishop Phillips Brooks' immortal "O Little Town of Bethlehem," the story is ever the same—that of the wonderful events which took place in Judea more than nineteen hundred years ago.

Christmas carols also are rich in tradition. From year to year not only a rise in popularity for certain carols, often revivals of interest in them. For the past two Christmases, the "First Noel," to its old-time melody, has become most familiar. Yet many are true to the standard carols evoked by generations of children, such as "Three Kings of Orient Are," "Silent Night, Holy Night," and "When Christ Was Born of Mary Free," with its quaint words.

Washingtonians privileged to hear "America," the new symphony written by Ernest Block, director of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, dedicated to Abraham Lincoln and Walt Whitman, played at its premiere by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, with Walter Damrosch conducting, on Thursday, had much to say in its praise. "America" won a \$5,000 prize last summer in a contest sponsored by Musical America.

It is a "sort of nationalistic panacea in music," according to one observer, and embodies in its score many of the songs beloved of the American people, such as "The Battle Cry of Freedom," a Chippewa war song furnishes one of the themes, the hymn "Old Hundred" another.

Washington probably will not hear the new symphony until next year.

A unique program was given in the Chamber Music Auditorium of the Library of Congress on Thursday, when compositions of W. A. Mozart and Gabriel Faure were presented. In the Mozart sonata for violin and piano in C it was interesting to note that Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge, donor of the chamber music auditorium, was at the piano, while William Kroll was the violinist.

More and more these concerts given at the Library of Congress under the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation are achieving renown for their sound qualities of music and the high ideals sustained by those in charge of their presentation. The only drawback is that the auditorium itself is so small that music lovers who would like to attend do not have the opportunity, although this difficulty is somewhat alleviated by the fact that the concerts over the radio, thus permitting thousands of unseen listeners to enjoy these musical treats as well.

The Christmas music assemblies in the public schools have been in full swing for the last two weeks, directed by Dr. Edwin N. C. Barnes and Mrs. Lillian G. Brouseau, with Misses Edith B. Athey, Mary E. Garrett and S. Alletta Hannon as accompanists.

There have been assemblies at all the high and junior high schools, and in about 65 grade schools, the groups ranging in size from 100 to 1,800 pupils. A feature has been the use of the song slide in the place of books and song sheets. This is a screen age, and the song slide assembly is a thing of joy to the pupil and teacher alike.

Another Yuletide joy to the junior high pupils has been the music understanding lectures of Mrs. Evelyn Newcomb Burgess on "The Great Christmas Music of the Nations." These have been profusely illustrated with fine recordings of great choruses and symphonic offerings.

Appropos of the recent local interest in American composition, it is worthy of note that the Interhigh School Festival Chorus of 300, with one chorus unit in each high school, is preparing under the direction of Dr. Edwin N. C. Barnes, Cadman's new and dramatic cantata, "The Father of Waters," for presentation at the school music festival, April 19 and 20, in the McKinley High School auditorium.

Eva Whitford Lovette, mezzo soprano and pianist, will give a Christmas recital at her studio, 1731 Connecticut avenue, Wednesday evening. There will be a program of carols and choruses by the Lovette Choral Club, and a group of soloists will be presented. Assisting will be Mrs. Lila Wood Volland, president, and the members of the board of governors of the choral club.

The Women's City Club Chorus will give its annual program of Christmas carols for the club and friends this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. A feature will be a melody from the twelfth century which will be a capella, the solo part sung by four children from the choir of Keller Memorial Lutheran Church as the chorus hums the accompaniment. Virginia Belt, Catherine Donch, Kathleen Birstein and Virginia Wood are the children on this program.

Another feature will be a French carol arranged for the W. C. C. C. by the director, Gertrude Lyons. The program, which will include well-known traditional carols, includes "Silent Night, Holy Night," German folk song; "Draw Nigh, Immanuel," old French words from twelfth century Mazarin Breviary; "The First Noel," traditional; "O Rose, a Rose e'er Blooming" (a capella), M. Praetorius, 1571-1621; "L'Enfant Jésus" (a capella), F. A. Gevaert, 1828-1908, arranged by Gertrude Lyons for women's voices, the solo part sung by Marie de La Mater; "Beautiful Saviour," Christmas, four children to sing the solo part, the chorus will hum the accompaniment (a capella); Eleanor Baker Spencer will sing "The Virgin's Lullaby," from the "Coming of the King," by Dudley Buck.

"The Cradle Hymn" will be hummed a capella by the chorus, while the alto sings the melody, Martin Luther, 1483-1546, "O Come Upon the Midnight Clear" (Balle), arranged by Parks for two-part chorus; "Holy Night, Peaceful Night" (a capella), Barnby-Nevin; "O Holy Night," Adam; "White Shepherds Watched," Handel, 1685-1759. Mary Izant Couch will play the piano accompaniment.

Dr. Edwin N. C. Barnes, director of music in the Washington public schools and dean of education at Washington College of Music, has been invited by Dr. J. B. Kneibauer, well-known music measurement specialist and professor of music education at Syracuse University, to give a week of lectures at the university summer school.

Mr. Robert Forsman, the distinguished author of the "Books of Song," who lectured here recently, will probably take Dr. Barnes' work for that week at the Belfast, Me., session of the Washington College of Music's Summer School of Education, which opens for its third annual six-week session on July 9.

A musical entertainment for the old people and friends will be given today at 3 p. m. at the Christian and Eleonor Ruppert Home on Good Hope road.

The following artists will take part: Charles Thompson and F. Menk, tenors; Mrs. Katha A. Pozos, contralto, assisted by Miss Grace Stewart; Miss Olga Krumke, alto, accompanied

by Miss Doris Schutz; Mrs. Charles Donch, mezzo-soprano, with Charles Donch at the piano; Mrs. A. E. Zuhrt, soprano, and Albert Bohrer, baritone, who will accompany himself on the zither. Ehrenfried Eichel will play piano selections.

What is a distinct innovation for Washington will take place on New Year's Eve when the Men's Glee Club of George Washington University will be the guests of the Mayflower Hotel. From time to time the spotlight in the grand ballroom will swing around to the corner where the club will be seated, and the boys will sing. Not only the men but the coeds accompanying them will have the opportunity to appear.

The Lovette Choral Club of Washington, under the auspices of the district of Columbia Federated Music Association, gave a group of Christmas carols, choruses, solos and recitations at the Tuberculosis Hospital on Wednesday. The soloists were Eva Lynn Fast, coloratura soprano, together with Helen Bely, mezzo soprano; Nellie Barber Brooks, mezzo soprano; Hattie Noel, reader, and Mary Scott, organist.

The Chaminade Glee Club, Esther Linkins, director, and Gertrude Walters, accompanist, together with Helen Bely, violinist, will present a program of carols at a tea to be given at the Grace Dodge Hotel this afternoon from 5 to 6 o'clock.

The course on "Interpretations of New Music," which is being sponsored by the American Association of University Women, will have its second lecture on Friday, at 8:15, in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A., when Miss Anita Zahn, noted pupil of Isadora Duncan, will give a recital, assisted by Raymond Bauman, who is a well-known teacher and composer. The program is as follows:

"Toccata" and "Fuge" in D minor (Bach); Mr. Bauman: "Praeludium" (Mozart) (Corelli); "Sarabande" (J. S. Bach); and "Gavotte" (J. S. Bach); Anita Zahn: "Jeux d'eau" (Maurice Ravel); Mr. Bauman: "Nocturne" (Raymond Bauman) and "Pavane" (Maurice Ravel); Anita Zahn: "Second Arabesque" (Claude Debussy); Mr. Bauman: Etude Opus No. 12 (A. Scriabine); Anita Zahn: "Gavotte" (Gluck-Brahms); Mr. Bauman: Air and Allegro, from "Iphigenia" (Ch. W. Gluck); "Lento" from "Orpheus" (Gluck); and Andante con Moto, from "Orpheus" (Gluck); Anita Zahn: "Bachiana" (Gluck); Mr. Bauman: "Amazons Dance" (Gluck); Anita Zahn.

The Washington Conservatory of Music has made plans for a series of monthly concerts each of which will feature just one composer.

The January concert will consist of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's works. Dvorak will be the composer whose works will be used in the February concert, and so on. Mr. Vladimir Vass, head of the piano department of the Conservatory of Music, was taught the traditional treatment of Dvorak's works by his teacher, Poochachia, who was a pupil of Dvorak when the latter was director of the State Conservatory of Music of Prague. Hence the February concert should be of interest to those with unusual interest by students and the general public interested in music. The other composers will be announced in succeeding months and will continue throughout the regular season and through the summer term at the Conservatory.

The Oberlin College Glee Club will give a concert at the First Congregational Church this afternoon at 4:30. The program will include: Organ prelude, Fantasia (Dubois); Choral prelude, "Jesu, Meine Freude" (Bach); Howard Thomas, invocator, "Bread of the World" (Robert Franz); two hymns, "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" (J. Neander); "Send Out Thy Light" (Robert Kiley); solo, "This Sacred Dwelling" (W. A. Mozart); Benton Dales, Jr.: two folk songs, (Arranged); Chiles River, River, (Stephen Zoltau); Kentucky—"I Gave My Love a Cherry" (Howard Thomas); two evening songs, Even-Song in Camp (Edmund Krenner); Evening Peace (J. S. Svendsen); offertory, Chant Sans Paroles (Faure); two Christmas carols, Shepherd's Christmas Song (Austrian folk song); "Holy Night, Silent Night" (Franz Gruber); two college songs, Oberlin Reunion song, (Cleveland K. Chase); Oberlin, our Alma Mater (Jason Noble Pierce); benediction, "Grace Be Unto You" (J. E. Trowbridge); Organ prelude, Prelude in C minor (Bach); Howard Thomas.

Music plays a prominent part in the Christmas drama. The Other Wise Man, to be presented at Luther Place Memorial Church for the fourth succeeding year on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Incidental music is used throughout the episodes of Dr. Van

Y. W. C. A. ACTIVITIES

In place of the customary Twilight Music Hour this afternoon, there will be a special Christmas vesper service at 5 o'clock in the fourth floor assembly room. Miss Mabel N. Thurston will give a Christmas message. There will be carol singing by all attending this service, and Miss Alice Edwards will sing a group of Christmas songs. Mrs. E. B. Wright will be the hostess with Miss Ireland, of the staff.

Christmas Eve a group of carolers, made up of selected voices from all departments of the association, will visit four of the hospitals in the city, ending the evening at the home of the chairman of the music committee, Mrs. Edwin B. Parker.

The Y. W. C. A.-Y. M. C. A. recreation committee announce a Yuletide dance to be held in Barker Hall, at Seventeenth and K streets, on Saturday evening.

During the holiday season there will be several events in Barker Hall, at Seventeenth and K streets. The Maryland League of Women Voters sponsoring both a matinee and an evening performance of the Yale Puppeteers on Thursday. Friday there will be a lecture at 8 p. m. under the auspices of the A. A. U. W.

Elizabeth Somers Residence. At the Elizabeth Somers vesper service this evening at 5:30, "Miss Hutchins Drake" will tell the Christmas story and Christmas music will be furnished by the Elizabeth Somers Glee Club. Miss Constance Torrey will lead the service.

Christmas Day, the Elizabeth Somers family will gather around the tree in the music room where they will begin the day by singing carols together. Later in the day there will be a party in the dining room for the help, when presents will be distributed and carols sung. In the afternoon, the girls will entertain their friends at a tea dance from 4 to 6 o'clock, when Miss Grace Pawley will be the hostess.

Wednesday the girls will have a theater party and on Thursday they will be "at home" to their friends, when Miss Julia Reynolds will act as hostess.

The week's festivities will close with a "Kid Party" on Saturday, when Miss Bernice has been selected as the hostess. A party has been arranged for the children from the Central Union Mission Friday afternoon. A reader from Mrs. Renshaw's School will tell stories to the children. Miss Julia Maxwell will be the hostess.

Chapters. At a meeting of the Cleveland Park Chapter December 10, the following new officers were elected: President, Mrs. Percy H. Walker; vice president, Mrs. Irving Baum; treasurer, Mrs. F. E. Cunningham; corresponding secretary, Miss H. S. Wallace; secretary, Mrs. J. E. Merwin; chapter representative, Miss Berth Schott; chaplain, Mrs. E. M. Weeks.

At the annual meeting of the Princeton Chapter, held Monday, the new officers elected were: President, Mrs. McFall Kirby; vice president, Mrs. Lee H. Robinson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. W. Hawthorne; recording secretary, Mrs. E. Edwin Waite; treasurer, Mrs. S. F. Spitzer.

The meeting of the Dupont Chapter has been postponed until January 7. There will be a meeting of the Mount Pleasant Chapter Friday at 2 p. m. in the board room of the Y. W. C. A.

B. and P. Department.

All during the past week the fourth floor at Seventeenth and K streets, otherwise known as the "B" and "P" floor, has been filled with the air of Christmas. The booklovers' section opened this week with a Christmas program during which Miss Alice Hutchins Drake read "The Story of Christmas," and Miss Mary Apple sang several Christmas selections. On Tuesday evening, the Amelita, Hittka, K. C. Priemle, Tip Top and Wholesome held their Christmas ceremonial. Mrs. Grace Pope, president of the Wholesome Club, portrayed the spirit of Christmas and read the Scripture story of "The First Christmas Night of All."

Following this, candle bearers, in the person of the chairman of the social service committee of each club, reported their special efforts at this time. Miss Ida Larson and Miss Emma Calvert, of the K. G. Club, sang "O Holy Night," and Miss Peggy Ringrose sang a group of special Christmas numbers. Then the group joined in carols. During the evening, Esther Roberts, chairman of the social service committee, made a complete report of the gifts being distributed by the club.

After the program, the girls put the finishing touches on their gifts, and then had their Christmas party. The Tip Top Club will give a Christmas party this evening at the

home of Miss Dorothy Hangliger, 3101 Nineteenth street, at 8 p. m.

The Greek Mutual Aid Society of the Y. W. C. A. will give a Christmas party for both parents and children on Thursday evening from 8 to 11:30 o'clock. There will be music by an orchestra, a Christmas tree and gifts. A special committee, of which Mrs. Kelleys is chairman, is in charge of the arrangements.

The Thursday Club will entertain at a Christmas tea Thursday.

This afternoon from 6 to 7 o'clock there will be a German Christmas celebration on the third floor of the Y. W. C. A., with kaffeeklatch and the singing of German Christmas carols.

Girl Reserves.

All boys from the Girl Reserve toy shop will be on exhibition in Barker Hall, second floor of the Y. W. C. A., this afternoon. At 4:30 o'clock the director of Miss Imogene B. Ireland, director of music in the Y. W. C. A., a Christmas play and a ceremonial will be presented by the Girl Reserves. The two-act play, "The Christmas Spirit," is directed by Miss Sheila Duddy, of the Morse School of Interpretation. The Girl Reserves will be assisted by the following: Jacqueline Churchill, Barbara Jane Murray, June Little, Betty Barker, Marian Maynard, Hilda Maury, Margaret Abel, Ruth Ashburn and Mary Linsey.

After the ceremonial the toys will be sent to orphanages and hospitals with the Christmas wishes of the Girl Reserves.

Two members of each High School Girl Reserve Club will go with the association group to sing carols at several of the hospitals on Christmas Eve.

The Bon Secour Girl Reserve Club of Central High School will have an informal dance in the Girl Reserve Club rooms on Wednesday evening.

The Semper Fidelis Girl Reserve Club of Tech High School will take a hike on Thursday.

The Girl Reserves of the Senior High School Clubs will have a theater party on Saturday afternoon.

Holly of Pagan Origin.

"The holly, which is so greatly sought for Christmas greens, was taken from the Saturnalia celebration of the Teutonic god of war is now used as a token of goodwill to accompany their gifts during this pagan revelry. They also decked their public places with branches of the holly plants.

"The early Christians, in order not to offend their pagan neighbors did likewise, and since the Saturnalia coincided with the Christian Christmas celebration, the use of holly has persisted, though we can very clearly credit it to the ancient Romans and their pagan worship."

"The mistletoe, about which so much sentimental interest now centers, was severely condemned by the early Christians because it was adopted directly from Druid priests, who used it in their ceremonies, so it had distinctly dismal associations for the early Christians of England."

Used by Pagan Priests.

"The reverence for it inspired by the Druid priests persists, however, even down to our own day, and this interesting parasitic plant, which is a destroyer of the trees on which it grows, is still held in high esteem, though perhaps few of us realize that it belongs properly among the pagan superstitions of the ancient Britons."

"Thus we see that practically all of the customs which we so devoutly associate with Christmas are not Christian at all, but really go much deeper into the past race consciousness of our people. Of course, all of us like to associate the beauties of trees and wild berries with our winter festivals, so the use of Christmas trees, evergreen boughs and bright berries is a happy custom, whatever its origin."

"The people of the East, who give us our religion, used plants in their religious ceremonies, but with them the palm, the olive and other subtropical things took the place of our Northern evergreens."

Jungle Has Advantages.

Jacksonville, Fla. (A.P.)—A lion can be stopped with bullets, but not a reckless motorist, reasons Benjamin D. Burbridge, big game hunter, substantiating his argument that the heat of Africa is safer than the streets of a busy American city.

CHRISTMAS SYMBOL FROM PAGAN ORIGIN

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SOME USED IN WAR FETES

The Christmas tree is not a Christian symbol, but was borrowed from the pagans, according to Dr. Forman T. McLean, supervisor of public education at the New York Botanical Garden. Other Yuletide customs, he says, are of pre-Christian origin, so that the holiday season really perpetuates practices not always associated with peace and goodwill.

"Our tall slender spruces and pines did not belong in the Holy Land," declares Dr. McLean, "and our use of them was borrowed from our Anglo-Saxon forebears, who celebrated the winter solstice when the sun began to rise again in the sky, by a festival to their god, Thor."

"There was a time of rejoicing and presenting gifts, which hued from a tree. From this custom comes the Christmas tree. So one of the symbols of the Teutonic god of war is now used to commemorate the birthday of the Prince of Peace."

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NOTES OF THE D. A. R.

The State committee on Americanism met Tuesday afternoon in the library of the Americanization School.

The committee voted to purchase an indoor slide for use of the children of foreign-born mothers who are in classes in preparation for their citizenship papers.

Susan Reviere Hetzel Chapter gave \$10 for use by the committee for the purchase of toys. Other chapters reporting funds set aside for the committee work were Army and Navy, Capt. Mollie Pitcher, Capt. Wendell Wolfe, Columbia, Continental Dames, Deborah Knapp, Descendants of '76, Dorothy Hancock, Emily Nelson, E. Pluribus Unum and Mary Bartlett. Mrs. Robert Furgeson reported the sale of \$5 worth of forget-me-nots.

Mrs. Leonard B. Schloss, president of the District of Columbia section of the National Council of Jewish Women, recounted the work of this organization, telling of the recent establishment of "land ports" work in towns and cities situated in the North and South borders where immigrants have been entering the States.

Columbia Chapter.

Columbia Chapter met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. George Middleton, 3718 S. street.

One new member, Mrs. H. A. Proctor, was presented. Mrs. J. H. Ray reported on the bill before Congress for the sorship of funds during the process of making at the studio.

Mrs. A. B. Snively, of the patriotic education committee, asked a chapter to continue the support of scholarships in mountain schools and she also reported on the bill before Congress for the Culppey Library.

Contributions for the Ellis Island box were presented and pledged to Miss Isabel Myrth, who will supervise the sending of the articles.

Mrs. C. C. Coombs announced that a card party will be given at the Willard Hotel on January 25 for the benefit of the Chapter House fund.

The program was in charge of Mrs. J. Frank Rice, who presented Mrs. Clyde E. Shaffer, secretary.

Guests included Mrs. William A. Torrey, Mrs. Harry L. Underwood, Mrs. Clyde E. Shade, James Henry Harper, Albert B. Snively, George Middleton, William L. Mattocks and Mr. McNulty.

The assisting hostesses were Mrs. H. C. Gauss, Mrs. W. L. Mattocks, Miss Myrth, Mrs. McNulty and Mrs. Della W. Moffett.

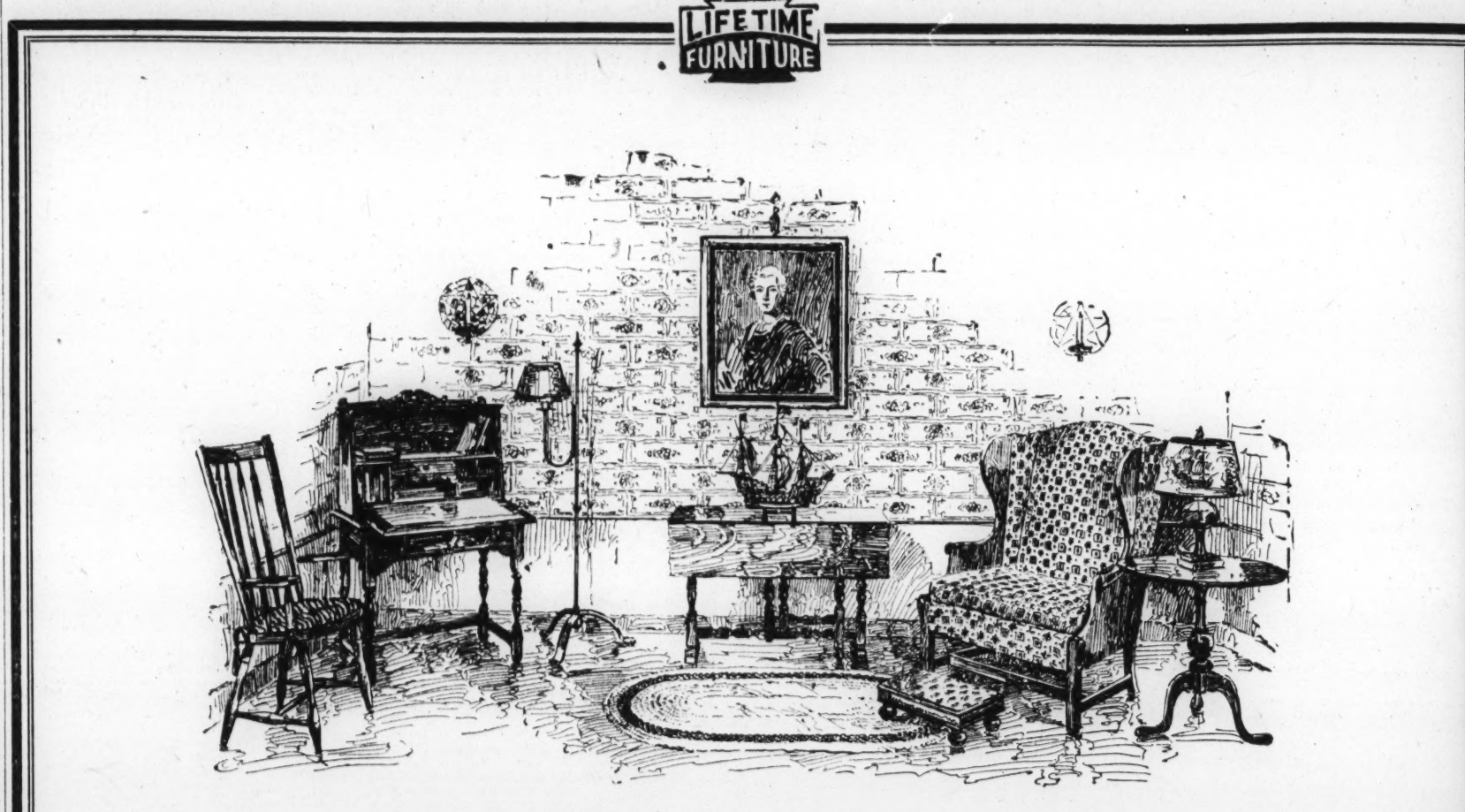
E Pluribus Unum.

E Pluribus Unum Chapter met at the home of the historian, Mrs. Theodore M. F. Knappen. The guests of the evening were Mrs. Lovell Fletcher Hobart, candidate for president general, and Mrs. Harriet Vaughn Rigdon, candidate for treasurer general. Mrs. Hobart spoke on the unveiling of the "Madonna of the Trail," the last one of the markers to be finished, the unveiling to take place during the congress in April. The hostesses were Mrs. Knappen, Mrs. Godey and Miss Brown.

France and Germany Exchange Students

Paris, Dec. 22 (A.P.)—Student exchanges between France and Germany have increased in number. The Franco-German committee on student exchanges reported 262 exchanges this year.

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THE WORLD'S GREATEST DAY, A GOOD BOOK AND A PANNING

By NELSON B. BELL

THE melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year, in the view of the showman. Of wailing winds, and naked woods, and meadows brown and sere, being no William Cullen Bryant, I wouldn't know, but my surmise would be that in point of utter barrenness the sterile picture so deftly painted would take on an astonishing resemblance to the overflowing horn of plenty as compared with the productiveness of today and tomorrow in even the most roccoco of our cathedrals of the cinema.

These are the days upon which the sportively inclined may with entire impunity toss a piano bent and broken, the turkey reduced to nothing more than a skeleton of its former self and a dollar by some miracle of mercy remaining in the kick, the populace will fare forth for frolic under the madas and the delusion of the drama.

For only a moment can it be said that it is the night before Christmas when all through the flat not a creature is stirring, not even a rat! And it is wholly fitting that it should be momentarily tough for the showshops.

The theater can well afford to surrender a brief day or two to the festival of the Yuletide, glorified by the joyousness that attends the recognition that Peace and Good Will are even remotely existent on earth and sanctified by the feeling consciousness of the Supreme Event in the history of humankind.

I doubt if any theaters were even so much as open in the Little Town of Bethlehem a score of centuries ago.

IF at this belated moment there are any other submissive apostles of procrastination, like myself, who are in a quandary, not to say puzzled, about what to get to put in that still empty stocking hanging by the imitation gas logs, I can think of nothing that should prove more welcome to the amusement lover with a leaning toward the films than Will Irwin's fascinating tale of "The House That Shadows Built," an unblushing "plus" for Paramount, which, despite its obvious partisanship, traces with more accurate knowledge and firmer touch than any other book I have ever read the true story of the inception and the development of the silent drama as a dominant factor in the entertainment of America.

To be sure, "The House That Shadows Built" goes into a few extravaganzas with regard to Mr. Adolph Zukor's personal qualities and natural endowments that even he must look upon with some slight degree of skepticism, but in its unimpeachable charting of the course that pictures have followed to their present high estate it is minutely and infallibly correct.

This I am able to corroborate in some measure by my own contacts in the course of a considerable participation in at least one aspect of the cinema's development.

There was a time, shortly after I had had something to do with the opening of the Rialto Theater in association with Tom Moore—whose dream of a "Temple of the Muses," artistic, commodious, acoustically perfect and all on one floor, it realized—when I also was concerned in making known the many advantages that would accrue to Washington theatergoers from attendance at one of the Actors' Fund benefits then about to be given in the National Theater under the personal sponsorship of Mr. Daniel Frohman. It was natural that I should have wanted Mr. Frohman to see what then was looked upon as a picture house worthy of national attention. It was equally natural, I presume, that he should have wanted to see it. In the course of the conversation thus given its initial impetus, Mr. Frohman remarked casually, it seemed to me:

"This interests me immensely as an indication of the general direction in which pictures are progressing. While in your newspaper and theatrical experience, the name of 'Frohman' probably always has suggested the legitimate theater, it may interest you to know that only a few years ago I was supporting Paramount; now I am letting Paramount support me."

The full significance of that cryptic comment never was quite clear to me until about three days ago when I read in Mr. Irwin's romance of big business just how vital a part Daniel Frohman—and indirectly his distinguished brother, Charles Frohman—played in stabilizing an industry which, at the time, under the leadership of Adolph Zukor, you may take my word for it was in dire need of stabilization!

THE surest thing I am of—to flinch a line from Octavius Roy Cohen, the Birmingham biographer—is that a reading of "The House That Shadows Built" will convey an immediate conviction that at no time since its introduction to the masses has the camera drama undergone any such process of retrogression as has overtaken Washington theater audiences.

I am at a loss to account for this manifest and lamentable degeneration of the mass theatergoers of the Capital. There was a time well within my memory, and yours, when the picture palace was nonexistent and my professional attendance at the playhouse was along the groove now pursued by Mr. Daly, my office mate; when an evening in the theater was hedged about with a bit of formality and something of the smack of ceremony. The President, like as not, was in a stage box and notables of many nationalities lent the occasion a glamour and an importance that now strangely seem to be lacking.

It had been my suspicion for an appreciable period that the laxity of public conduct was an outgrowth of the lower admissions assessed by the tabernacles of the titillating tins and the absence therefrom of the spoken word and the presence of the actor in the flesh. The advent of the talking film dissipated the premise that sound had anything to do with it, and attendance a week ago at a notable event in the Auditorium has confirmed me in the belief that there is no other explanation for any aspect of the Capital City's sudden fall for bad manners than a deliberate predilection for ill behavior.

In one of the foremost of the town's motion picture houses one night, when the sound device was not functioning as it should have, reserves should have been called out from No. 1 to subdue the demonstration of disapproval that resulted from a circumstance beyond the management's immediate control.

No longer than a week ago, one of the best acts I have seen in a picture house was humiliated by the claqueurs who acclaimed it by resort to the rhythmic handclapping that is measured by two even quarter-beats and three eighth-beats, repeated unvaryingly until the commotion becomes more an insult than an inspiration.

The occasion to which I refer at the Auditorium was the recent concert presented by Paul Whiteman and his orchestra. Two of the band's personnel scored a tremendous hit with an interval of clowning that was superb in its every quality of low comedy. Long after their repertoire had been exhausted, and their physical endurance likewise, these clever instrumentalists received the acclaim of as prolonged and as persistent enthusiasm as manual percussion could express. Mr. Whiteman attempted to make an explanation. Mr. Whiteman endeavored to bring about quiet. Mr. Whiteman tried to make a friendly gesture. Mr. Whiteman wished to please. Mr. Whiteman acted like a gentleman.

The best he received in return was a display of atrociously bad conduct on the part of some 6,000 supposedly representative Washingtonians. If he had rung down the curtain and refused to play the remaining numbers programmed, this comment would have been rhapsodic in its commendation of his eminently just handling of a situation which, as it is, reflects great credit upon his power of self-restraint and noise at all upon this community's lack of courtesy.

Evidently we are not one of the bulwarks of the arts, we are one of art's bores.

Merry Christmas!



Pola Negri in "The Woman From Moscow"—Palace.

Thelma Todd in "The Haunted House"—Metropolitan.

John Darrow, Nancy Drexel and David Rollins in "Prep and Pep"—Fox.

HOLLYWOOD HAS MORE RUSSIANS THAN COMMUNE!

Aside from Russia itself, there are more Russians in Hollywood today than in any other part of the globe, according to Paramount studio casting officials.

Nobleman, baker man, merchant and every other occupation that can be classified may be found among the thousands of Russian film extras who have turned to the movie capital for the things that have been taken from them in war.

Recently a notice was sent to a casting agency by Paramount that 50 Russian types would be needed for Pola Negri's picture, "The Woman From Moscow," now showing at the Loew's Palace. Among the 50 were to be at least six persons who could play Russian instruments.

The agency picked 50 of the types from among its hundreds of applicants and they were notified to appear at the studio gates at a certain hour. The 50 appeared at the given hour, but along with the original 50 were at least 500 more.

By virtue of the grapevine method of information news had circulated among the others that Paramount wanted Russian types. Studio officials were in a quandary for a time as to how to disperse the crowd that clung steadfastly to the gates despite being told they could not be used. Finally the police were called and the extras left. However, it was brought to light that since the Russian upheaval, thousands who knew not how to care for themselves in their own country had fled to Hollywood, there to earn a bare living by furnishing Russian atmosphere for the movies.

Auxiliaries.

On the stage Wesley Eddy and the Palace Synchronizers are presented in the Loew-Palace unit staged by Paul O'Scar, "Topsy-Turvy Town," which features Perry Corvey, Ford and Whitey, the Phelps Twins and the Gamby-Hale Girls.

The surrounding program consists of contributions by Harry Berles and the Palace Orchestra, Charles Gaige at the console, the Fox Movietone News, the M-G-M News, and several novelties presented under the personal supervision of Colby Harriman, managing director.

Lewis Stone, star of stage and screen, who has a leading role in the latest John Gilbert and Greta Garbo starring film, "A Woman of Affairs," which synchronized with sound, is now playing at Loew's Columbia, was asked recently what single asset he considered most valuable in a young actor.

"I think the most valuable asset any young man can possess is a habit of discipline and the physical well-being that comes from military training," was the reply.

"I never could have stood the strain of the many years on the stage and screen had it not been for the training I received as a boy in military school," Stone continued. "The rigorous physical culture program was drilled into me so thoroughly that it became a part of my everyday life and I have never forgotten it."

"At the time of the World War I was somewhat over the enlistment age, but I was sent to Plattsburg as a training man. When the war closed I was commissioned a major in the Reserve Corps and I held the rank today, spending two months every summer at camp. The value of this training and its effect upon one's life and habits in later years can not be overestimated. The military carriage that was drilled into me has been a sort of trade-mark for me on the stage and screen. I learned discipline, which is wonderful for a man in any field to know and appreciate."

Subsidiaries.

Vincent Lopez, the internationally known jazz orchestra leader, is presented in a Metro-Movietone act, and there is also a Metro-Movietone Revue, a novelty comprising a variety of acts, by well-known talent. The Fox Movietone News, the M-G-M News, the Columbia orchestra, under the direction of Claude Burrows, and short subjects of interest, complete the program for Christmas week.

Chills and Fever.

Mystery piled on mystery characterizes the thrilling film, "Seven Footprints to Satan," now being made with an unusually big cast of noted players.



John Gilbert and Greta Garbo in "A Woman of Affairs"—Columbia.



Bebe Daniels in "What a Night!"—Earle.

THE SECRET OF GHOSTLY MAGIC HERE REVEALED

Apropos of "The Haunted House," First National sound picture, the screen feature of the Christmas week program at Crandall's Metropolitan, and said to be a thriller among thrillers, Benjamin Christensen, who directed the film, gives some interesting sidelights on how ghosts are "made."

"The fraudulent medium," says Christensen, "conceals in his cabinet or about his clothing several pieces of silk of such fine texture that several yards may be hidden in an empty watch case. These are treated previously with luminous paint, which shows only in the darkness. By means of a telescopic rod from the ground—materialized and float around the darkened room. Sometimes the rod is hollow and the medium can whisper or speak through the tube. Female mediums often have their skirts on the reverse side painted with luminous paint and can by reversing them appear in the darkness as spirits or ghosts."

In the cast are such well-known players as Chester Conklin, Thelma Todd, Montagu Love, Larry Kent, Eve Southern, Flora Finch, Barbara Bedford, William V. Wong and others.

Added Offerings.

The complementary features on the especially arranged Christmas week program will embrace an Our Gang synchronized comedy featuring the Hal Roach racials, "Spanking Age," a Christmas novelty reel, "The Wooden Soldier," the latest issue of the Metropolitan Topical Review and a new Vitaphone presentation.

LIVELY FUN ON THE FOX STAGE; PEP ON SCREEN

One who is a success at one vocation and then changes at the height of his career to other work and is an even greater success has something to crow over.

Such is the story of David Butler, who, a year ago, reached great heights as an actor by his interpretation of Gobin in "7th Heaven," and then immediately left the field of Theatricals for the directorial and of motion pictures. Since that time Butler has to his credit three smashing hits in pictures of American youth, "High School Hero," "Win That Girl" and "The News Parade." Each production has been pronounced typical of clean cut youth, abounding in comedy and drama, and commended highly by critics and fans alike.

Butler's current picture, "Prep and Pep," featuring David Rollins and Nancy Drexel, now at the Fox Theater, is a fast moving story of prep school days with a wealth of humorous and intimate incidents that fill each day of the year. The greater part of the picture was filmed at Culver Military Academy, Culver, Ind.

The Stage.

On the stage "the greatest show on earth" will be offered. As the publicity men of the circus would have it, here are the world's best entertainers all gathered under one big tent to amuse you. The true atmosphere of the circus will be created with many real sides of the big tops as the featured artists.

The highlight of the stage program will be the return of Mary Read's sixteen Fox Tillerettes. This group of precision dancers have several new routines, all suggestive of the circus. Others will include the talking crow, Jocko; the seven Dardaville, a group of whirling, twirling Arabs; John Maxwell, half man, half woman; the Paul Brothers, creating plenty of the high in the air; the dashing troupe of Japanese acrobats; Bear and Wahl, comedians, and the invisible-visible master of ceremonies, Lawrence Downey, as the ringmaster.

BEBE DANIELS, SOUND COMEDY, MUSICAL HITS

All comedy arises from incongruity, and the greater the contrast between the incongruous objects or persons the greater is the humor.

This is the theory of Edward Sutherland, the young motion picture director, best known for his hilarious comedies with Wallace Beery and Raymond Hatton, including "Behind the Front" and "We're in the Navy Now."

Sutherland directed Bebe Daniels in her newest Paramount comedy, "What a Night!" the screen feature of the current week's program at the Earle Theater. "What a Night!" is about a fight between a newspaper editor and a crooked political faction.

Sutherland explained, "and into this situation of pure melodrama we injected a girl who is completely incongruous."

"We played the melodramatic story straight, or, in other words, seriously. We started our story in just the same way that any newspaper of underworld melodrama would be started."

"Then we introduced Miss Daniels. Bebe is a beautiful child, but dumb; willing, but awkward; eager, but not too bright. Before long the busy city room of the newspaper is frantic in trying to escape the office pest. In this serious, hard-working, hectic environment the incongruous girl is certainly incongruous. Her mistakes and her very appearance against this background are funny. The entire picture is played in the same way."

Supplementaries.

The subsidiary screen features for the week include several seasonal offerings, among them the first all-talking comedy, "The Lion's Roar," which, by special arrangement with Educational Film Exchanges, will have its premiere at the Earle Theater. This is the first of the talking comedies, and was produced by Mack Sennett. "The Lion's Roar" features Johnny Burke, Daphne Pollard, Billy Bevan and Vernon Dent, and has talking, music and natural sound effects throughout.

"There is a Santa Claus," a short-reel novelty, with sound and dialogue; a half-wit and concert overture; a Vitaphone presentation featuring Red Corcoran, popular West Coast master of ceremonies, billed as the banjo king; and a comedy sketch, "The Christmas Fantasy," arranged by Daniel Breckin, with William Raymond as tenor soloist, will complete the program for the holiday week.

AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO DEEM TALKIES PASSING FAD

MARKING the culmination of a two year period of intensive research and experimentation Jesse L. Lasky, first vice president of Paramount Famous Lasky Corporation, has announced the talking, singing and synchronized pictures which will be released between January and July, 1929.

"For seventeen years our company has produced the finest quality silent pictures," said Mr. Lasky. "For the past two years we have been working in this new field. We installed in our studios at Hollywood and Long Island City, the finest equipment for making pictures that talk. We assembled the best technical staff available. We made rigid tests of our players and discovered that most of them have excellent recording voices."

"Realizing the value of stage experience in audible pictures, we signed many of the outstanding stars of the spoken drama, including Jeanne Eagels, O. P. Heggie, Claudette Colbert, Walter Huston, Ruth Chatterton, the four Marx brothers and Edward Robinson. We also enlisted such Broadway producers as George Abbott, Robert Milton, Joseph Santley, John Cromwell and Edwin Knapp. The famous Charles Frohman Producing Co., under the leadership of Gilbert Miller, is a part of our organization."

"Following is the list of talking pictures which will be released starting the first day of the new year. There will be 22 all-star all-talking pictures and 17 full length productions which will have talking and singing in addition to a synchronized music score. Approximately 50 short talking features will be distributed during that period."

"This does not mean a cessation of silent picture production. Of the 39 sound pictures 24 will also have silent versions. These, in addition to three pictures which will be produced entirely in silent form, make a total of 27 feature length pictures which will be available for theaters not sound equipped."

"We will release a series of four units comprising a full program with one feature and two short feature subjects. The first unit is made up of 'Interference,' a two-reel production starring Eddie Cantor in 'That Party in Person' and a one-reel feature in which Ruth Etting, Ziegfeld beauty and Columbia recording artist, sings two popular songs."

"The second unit comprises 'The Doctor's Secret,' a 100 per cent talking picture based on the famous Barrie's famous stage success, 'Half an Hour,' Ruth Chatterton, H. B. Warner, John Loder and Robert Edison are featured in this production which was directed by William C. de Mille. Borah Minneville and his Musical Rascals, a hit in the Broadway musical smash 'Good Boy' and 'One Woman' a comedy short feature produced and written by Joseph Santley and acted by Broadway celebrities, are in this unit."

"Unit No. 3 is made of 'The Letter,' an adaptation of the W. Somerset Maugham success in which Jeanne Eagels is starred. Eddie Peabody and his band appear in one of the short features accompanying 'The Letter' and the Gershwins sing some of the song hits of the day in the other."

"The fourth unit comprises 'Night Club,' with a cast of internationally known stars in the cast, including Fannie Brice, Ann Pennington, Bobbie Arns, Pat Rooney and Pat Rooney, Jr., and many others of equal prominence on the legitimate stage, and two other features, 'The Pusher-in-the-Face,' a two-reel comedy adapted from the story of a Scott Fitzgerald, Estelle Taylor, Lester Allen, Raymond Hitchcock and other Broadway stars appear in this feature, which was adapted by Robert Florey. 'The Bishop's Candlesticks,' a novelty short feature based on an episode in Victor Hugo's 'Les Miserables' completes this unit. Walter Huston, of 'The Barker' and 'Elmer the Great,' plays the featured role."

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THIS WEEK

PALACE—Pola Negri in "The Woman From Moscow," sound picture (screen); Wesley Eddy in "Topsy-Turvy Town" (stage); Fox Movietone News, M-G-M News and added novelties.

METROPOLITAN—Chester Conklin, Thelma Todd and Larry Kent in "The Haunted House," sound picture; Our Gang comedy, "Spanking Age"; "The Wooden Soldier," Xmas novelty; newsreel and Vitaphone short subject.

COLUMBIA—John Gilbert and Greta Garbo in "A Woman of Affairs," with sound; Vincent Lopez and orchestra and musical revue on Movietone; Fox Movietone News and M-G-M News.

EARLE—Bebe Daniels in "What a Night"; Mack Sennett all-talking comedy, "The Lion's Roar"; "There Is a Santa Claus," Xmas novelty; Red Corcoran on Vitaphone, and overture with voice.

FOX—Nancy Drexel and David Rollins in "Prep and Pep" (screen); "The Circus" (stage); Fox Tillerettes, Movietone News and symphony orchestra.

NEXT WEEK

FOX—Janet Gaynor and George O'Brien in "Sunrise," synchronized.

METROPOLITAN—Pauline Frederick and Bert Lytell in "On Trial," all talkie.

COLUMBIA—Evelyn Brent and Olive Brook in "Interference," all talkie.

EARLE—Milton Sills and Dorothy Mackall in "The Barker," sound and dialogue.

PALACE—Lon Chaney in "West of Zanzibar," with sound.

Clothes - Previews - Retakes and Rushes

CLOTHES MAY NOT MAKE THE MAN—BUT SCREENSTERS, YES

It takes gasoline to make an automobile run, and it takes clothes to make a man keep a motion picture star famous.

In the case of Adolphe Menjou it requires 20 suits, 3 dozen hats, 10 pairs of gloves and a dozen pairs of shoes a year.

Jack Holt's screen wardrobe needs are simpler. A "10-gallon" hat, a pair of leather chaps, a "six gun" and cartridge belt, some riding boots, and he is equipped for the roles which have brought him his motion picture fame.

The wardrobe problem has been simplified recently for Gary Cooper. In two of his last roles he wore an Army uniform. In his current part for "Wolf Song" he wears the buckskin clothes of a rough-and-ready trapper.

All of Cooper's parts are so easy on the pocketbook, however. From twelve to fifteen suits a year are required to keep him equipped, with a corresponding supply of accessories.

Charles (Buddy) Rogers has to run a fairly close race with Menjou for wardrobe honors. He is a little easier on the evening clothes than is the leading exponent of well-dressed sophistication.

Like Cooper, Richard Dix has had a good break in the wardrobe situation recently. In his last picture, "Redskin," he takes the part of an American Indian. Before he wears the uniform of a Leatherstocking in "Moran of the Marines."

Dix is known as one of the best dressers in the motion picture industry, however, and private wardrobe needs continue even when good clothes are not required for the films. Dix's annual tailor bill runs into sizable figures, it is rumored.

Old clothes have constituted most of Wallace Beery's screen wardrobe. There is one advantage about this, however. Such garments can be retired into the private wardrobe when their screen service is ended.

In his latest vehicle, "Long War," in which he is featured with Florence Vidor, Beery steps into a dressed-up role and his tailor prospered accordingly.

George Bancroft has had about a 50 break so far, as clothes for the screen are concerned. In a good share of his pictures he has taken the part of a hard-boiled roughneck and has dressed as such. In his current production, "The Wolf of Wall Street," he takes the part of a stock broker, and his private wardrobe will have a number of new additions when the picture is ended.

A walrus mustache and a pair of glasses are the principal items of Chester Conklin's motion picture wardrobe. Most of his clothes are of the "character" type of the kind that he does not wear when he isn't working before the camera.

Emil Jannings' film clothes have practically all been "character" garments. In his latest, "Sins of the Fathers," he wore one regular dinner outfit for the first time in an American picture.

Of them all, Menjou is the hardest hit when it comes to keeping up an extensive wardrobe. The screen character he has created would be utterly out of keeping in anything but the most costly fashionable clothing.

As male motion picture players have to provide their own wardrobe, except in unusual "character" clothes, the moral might be drawn for any man considering conquering the film world: think carefully of the Western or comedy fields. They are easier on the pocketbook.

CHAPLIN TELLS WHAT HIS LEAD NEED NOT HAVE

"Girl wanted; no experience required; steady work; good pay. Apply: Charlie Chaplin."

Of course, that ad doesn't appear when the little king of comics starts out to pick a new leading lady. But, as far as results are concerned, it might.

Charlie has just picked another leading lady—his fifth—with no experience whatever. He just saw her in a boxing-match audience one night and hired her forthwith. He'd never seen her before.

She's Virginia Cherrill, of Chicago, who thought she was visiting Hollywood until Chaplin told her she was going to live there.

That does it take to be a Chaplin leading lady, anyhow? Hollywood has added its feverish brain with that question until an interviewer for Photoplay Magazine has put it up to Charlie himself.

Well, for one startling fact, Charlie prefers them without experience. "For another, his leading ladies don't have to have 'it'."

"To be a leading lady for me, a girl must have appeal, but not necessarily sex appeal. She must have youth. But it isn't necessary that she have screen experience," says Chaplin. In an interview in the January Photoplay.

"In fact, I prefer that she have a picture experience. Without it she has fewer faults to correct. She must be adaptable, too, in order to take direction. She should have some appreciation of music in order to be susceptible to vibrations. When one becomes absorbed in a part one is only a sounding board reflecting the play of emotions."

"Also a girl must be ambitious; otherwise she will not take her work seriously. And to succeed, she must be intensely serious, particularly in pictures."

That's what Chaplin says. But in Hollywood, where they go in seriously for numerology, ouija boards, crystal gazing and such diversions, they'll tell you that the letter A has much to do with a girl's luck with Chaplin. For proof, here are his five leading ladies. Note how their Christian names end: Edna Purviance, Lila Grey, Georgia Hale, Merna Kennedy and now Virginia Cherrill.

A WASHINGTON STAGE STAR LURED TO MOTION PICTURES



INA CLAIRE.

INA CLAIRE, recognized as one of the outstanding feminine personalities of the American theater of today, has been signed to star in motion pictures.

The signing of this brilliant young Washingtonian, whose real family name is Fagan, is stated to be the first of a series of moves, now well under way, which are designed to advance Pathe's new motion picture production.

The notable talent, beauty and fine speaking voice that have made her prominent in the theater, and have won for her popularity such as has come to her in the history of the American stage, have now put her in the van of stage stars to whom the advent of talking pictures offers a glittering future.

Pathe, in announcing the Claire contract, said: "Ina Claire's latest stage engagement in New York was early this year when she starred in 'Our Betters,' a play by W. Somerset Maugham. It was recently transferred to the DeMille theater."

Notable among her triumphs was "Poly With a Past," under the management of David Belasco. After a long New York tour she toured with this attraction for two years. Another Belasco play which she materially aided in the success of was "The Gold Diggers," presented at the Lyceum Theater in New York, and afterward on tour for a run of two years.

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GILBERT RANKS FIRST ON 1928 LIST OF STARS

The flashing, saberlike John Gilbert is standing at the top of the motion picture world today, and Emil Jannings, of the bulky figure and the hairline emotional nuances, is close beside him.

These are the judgments of Photoplay Magazine's staff of reviewers, summing up the best performances of 1928 in the January issue of the film monthly.

Gilbert is credited with four performances which are ranked among the year's best—"Four Walls," "The Co-sacks," "Man, Woman and Sin" and "Masks of the Devil."

Jannings is given second place for his three great pictures, "Street of Sin," "The Patriot" and "The Last Command."

Only thirteen other players are credited with as many as two appearances worthy to rank among the best. They are:

Marion Davies—"The Cardboard Lover" and "The Patsy." Louise Dresser—"Mother Knows Best" and "His Country."

Greta Garbo—"Mysterious Lady" and "The Divine Woman." Fay Wray—"Street Angel" and "Four Devils."

John Hersholt—"Jazz Mad" and "Able's Irish Rose." Thomas Meighan—"The Racket" and "The Mating Call."

William Powell—"The Drag Net" and "Interference." Fay Wray—"The Wedding March" and "Legion of the Condemned."

George Bancroft—"Docks of New York" and "The Drag Net." Richard Barthelmess—"The Noose" and "Wheel of Chance."

Betty Compson—"Docks of New York" and "The Barker." Gary Cooper—"Legion of the Condemned" and "Beau Sabreur."

Joan Crawford—"Four Walls" and "Our Dating Daughters."

ELsie writes ONE FOR THE VOCAL FILMS

Elsie Janis' name is now to be inscribed among those of the successful writers for the screen. Her story, "Close Harmony," on which the noted stage comedienne collaborated with Gene Markey, has been purchased by Paramount and will soon go into production on the sound stage at the Hollywood studios as a 100 per cent dialogue motion picture.

Announcement of the purchase and placing of "Close Harmony" as an exclusively talking film came last week from B. P. Schulberg, general manager of West Coast production, who has been purchased by Paramount and will soon go into production on the sound stage at the Hollywood studios as a 100 per cent dialogue motion picture.

Producers are so worried over this question that they are preparing to spend real money to get census of public opinion as to the effect of this new expensive medium.

Cecil B. DeMille, for instance, has just offered \$2,000 for the best 200-word letter explaining a talking-picture idea.

"I gained the idea for 'The Ten Commandments' by a public offer of this sort when every expert said a biblical story couldn't succeed," says DeMille. "I am confident that the public will clarify the pro and con argument which is raging in professional circles. When public opinion speaks, the argument will be ended."

DeMille, however, is not receiving letters direct. All entries in the contest must be sent to the DeMille contest committee, 225 Varick street, New York. Letters are limited to 200 words.

Cecil DeMille is now a producer for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. His latest picture, "The Awful Truth," and "Grounds for Divorce." More recently she played in crowded houses in New York and on tour.

Points of Origin.

Hobart Bosworth, who plays with John Gilbert and Greta Garbo in "A Woman of Affairs," now playing at Loew's Columbia, hails from Marietta, Ohio. He went on the stage at the age of 20, after skipping before and must on square-riggers as a boy. He entered films in 1919 and as been a star, director, writer and producer. Apocryphal nothing, Marietta is a town people come from—hardly any one goes there.

Dorothy Sebastian, also in "A Woman of Affairs," is a product of Birmingham, Ala. She attended college in that State and later went on the stage in New York.

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CLARA BECOMES A PARTY HOUND IN NEW TALKIE

"The Wild Party," by Warner Fabian, author of "Flaming Youth," will be Clara Bow's next starring picture. It will be a 100 per cent dialogue production to be directed by Malcolm St. Clair.

"The Wild Party" will show the flapper queen in the role of a girl whose sole ambition is to be the life of the party until one party produces several dramatic complications. E. Lloyd Shelton adapted the Fabian story to the screen and F. Hugh Herbert is credited with the continuity.

John V. A. Weaver, author of "Love 'Em and Leave 'Em," also famed for his Americanese writings, is now at the studio preparing the dialogue.

"The Wild Party" will be Clara Bow's first talking film and is the result of numerous tests which prove that the "it" girl possesses a voice well suited to mechanical recording.

"The Saturday Night Kid" was originally slated as Miss Bow's next, but as a result of the purchase of "The Wild Party" film rights, the former has been postponed until a later date.

Weaver for Sound.

John V. A. Weaver, poet, playwright and novelist, who has achieved a distinct rank in American contemporary literature by his knowledge of American slang, has been signed by Paramount as one of its staff of dialogue writers for forthcoming sound films.

Movie audiences in and around Los Angeles are being analyzed by an emotional-response meter. This experiment of talking pictures was used for the first time at a preview of Paramount's all-talking comedy drama, "The Dummy," and was employed to check up the number and degree of the laughs received during the running of the film.

One of the most difficult phases of talking films lies in timing the actions of the players in relation to the audience's reactions. Whenever a player, for example, says or does something humorous the degree of response to the resultant laugh to die down before he resumes his action and speech; otherwise, the audience will drown out the words coming from the screen.

For the first previewing, or "preheating," of "The Dummy" sound engineers from the Paramount studios in Hollywood installed microphones throughout the small neighborhood theater where the show was being held. These microphones were connected to a sensitive meter in the projection room. The louder the laugh, the more it moved. In this manner an observer is able to gauge the degree of response to each situation and also note the length of the laughs. This information was turned over to the cutters of the picture, who timed the players' voices in accordance with the duration of the audience's laughter.

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SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By WADE WERNER.

HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—Frisella Dean is back on the screen again; this time in a technicolor interpretation of the beautiful Mme. Du Barry, favorite of Louis XV and victim of the guillotine. The picture is the most popular in France.

An interesting use of color in this picture is the constant association of Du Barry with flowers and their colors until, at the end, she realizes her destiny is symbolized in the fragile beauty of a rose held contemptuously in the hands of the revolutionary judge before whom she is tried. When he, after toying with her, with the flower, tops it off its stem with his knife, there is no need to show any details of the inevitable guillotining.

Street of Christmas.

Hollywood boulevard, one of the most widely talked and written about streets in the world, has been renamed Santa Claus lane for the duration of the holiday season. It was the idea of the Chamber of Commerce, of course, and intended to stimulate Christmas shopping in this film community. But to many who stroll the celebrated street the new signs would be just as appropriate the year round. The boulevard is emphatically Santa Claus lane to the thousands of screen-struck who flock here hoping for fame in the films. They are fervent believers in a cinema Santa Claus when they arrive; and sometimes, in very rare instances, when they leave.

Santa's Voice Test.

And speaking of Christmas, even that historic anniversary is being influenced by the prevailing excitement over talking pictures. Richard Arden is sending his Yuletide greeting this year on a strip of sound film. He spoke his "Merry Christmas" in front of a sound camera, and had copies of the resultant celluloid sound track made for mounting on his greeting cards. Any one who can't guess what the sound track is meant to say can run it through any sound-film projector and hear the words themselves.

Tailored Shoes.

Heroines will be suited and booted in tweeds this winter. Anyway, that is Dorothy Mackall's latest dress costume, a tweed suit and shoes of the same material trimmed with a little leather.

FLASHBACKS AND FADEOUTS

Fredric March, newly signed Paramount featured player, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin.

Grant Withers, playing opposite Corinne Griffith in "Saturday's Children," will also play the lead in Miss Griffith's forthcoming vehicle, "Prisoners."

Earl Snell and Gladys Lehman are collaborating in the writing of an original screen story tentatively titled "Companionate Trouble." It has been purchased by Universal with Reginald Denny in mind as the star.

Huntley Gordon has been added to the cast of "The Haunted Lady," the Laura La Plante starring vehicle which goes into production under the direction of Wesley Ruggles. John Boles plays the lead opposite Miss La Plante in this Adela Rogers St. John story.

Maurice Chevalier, gifted idol of the Parisian stage, will have Sylvia Beecher as his leading woman in his first talking picture, "Innocents of Paris." Miss Beecher, well known as a screen player, is at present appearing on the stage in San Francisco as the leading lady in Ernest Plessner's "The Marriage Bed."

Frank Hartling, composer of "Deep River" and the short grand opera, "Light from St. Agnes," has been appointed musical director for short talking productions at the Paramount Astoria Studio. He will be associated with James R. Cowan, producer of short subjects.

The cast of "The Bridge of San Luis Rey," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's picture prize novel, has been practically completed with the addition of Don Alvarado and Duncan Renaldo to enact the parts of the twin brothers, Manuel and Esteban. Other principals include Lily Damita as Camila, Raquel Torres as Pepita, Ernest Torrence as Uncle Pio and Emily Fitzroy as the marquesa. Charles Brabin is directing the film after a scenario by Alice D. G. Miller which is said to follow very closely the mood and story arrangement of the original novel.

Alice White has completed her extensive wardrobe for "Hot Stuff," her next picture for First National. Mervyn LeRoy will direct.

Richard Barthelmess is planning a trip to Havana upon the completion of his present picture, "Weary River," in which he plays a singing convict.

Beulah Love, whose work in the all-talking "Broadway Melody" aroused the enthusiasm of coast previewers, has signed a long-term contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

Phyllis Haver is enjoying a few days' rest between the completion of the silent version of "The Office Scandal," and the starting of her new picture according to this new picture.

Louis Wolheim, who is often called "the screen's ugliest actor," has his first sympathetic role in "Square Shoulders," in which he appears as the father of Junior Coghlan.

Larry Bannhim, who was a deck hand on a San Francisco tugboat three years ago, and who is now playing in pictures, has just been given a part in "The Man and the Moment," with Billie Dove.

Additions are still being made to the cast of "The Charlatan," the Broadway stage play in production at Universal. Monte Montague is the latest player signed for this production, which has a notable cast, including Holmes Herbert, Margaret Livingston, Rockcliffe Fellows, Philo McCullough, Anita Garvin, Bud Marshall, Rose Tapley, John George and Wilson Benge. George Melford is the director.

"Gambly," the famous Maria Gambrelli who is known to millions over the radio and to hundreds of thousands because of her appearances in Broadway stage shows, is in person directing the troupe of Gambly-Hale girls in the cabaret scene of the all-talking film, "The Hole in the Wall," in production at Paramount's Long Island Studio.

In a cabaret setting representing the most lavish type of night club, the girls drawn from Boris Petroff's "Blue Revue" appear.

AND SUCH IS A DEVILISH LIFE IN THE COLONY

Away from the glamour of studio life and the screen social whirl, most film stars like to "be themselves" and enjoy the restfulness of solitude.

Charley Chaplin's lone prowls are at back alleys of Los Angeles have become so accepted by his friends as to no longer cause comment. Then there is Greta Garbo, exotic on the screen, a home-sick girl off-stage. Much of her leisure time is spent walking on the beach at Santa Monica or sitting on the sand, gazing wistfully at the horizon.

Nils Asther, another Swedish player, moved high in the Hollywood hills so he could be alone with his dog. When he is through with pictures, he usually jumps in his roadster and vanishes on a motor wanderlust with only his dog for company.

Lew Cody would rather shut himself up in his little beach cottage and read than anything else, and John Gilbert seldom leaves his hilltop home with not working. Lon Chaney always sets out alone for a fishing trip in Owens Valley between pictures and sometimes stays in his camp for weeks without establishing any communication whatever with the outside world.

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Charlie's Elevator.

Charlie Chaplin still is preparing for his new picture. The latest addition to the big street set on which most of the scenes will be played is a genuine sidewalk elevator. The day it was completed every one on the lot came around for a ride in it.

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Stage Presentations of Interest

FOOTLIGHTS AND SHADOWS

By JOHN J. DALY

HERE is what might be called a real Christmas gift. For the first time in 22 years' active service in the theater, Mr. Stephen E. Cochran, manager of the National, will enjoy Christmas dinner at home. On all other Christmas Days there have been matinees. This year, with "Strange Interlude" as the attraction, a play that gets started at 5:30, and runs on, and on, until 11 o'clock at night, with time out for luncheon, or dinner, or whatever the patrons favor at the 7 o'clock hour, the boss doesn't have to come downtown until after the turkey is carved and the presents distributed.

Santa Claus is also good to the other side of the street, where Mr. T. D. Bonnevill holds forth as manager of Poli's. There, the new musical comedy offering, "Well, Well, Well," does not get started until the very night of Christmas. So that Mr. Bonnevill can have several dinners, at home and abroad, and then come down to enjoy a good show; for this one, with the idea back of it, the authors and composers, and the cast, seems to have what the department store people call "the goods."

Up on Lafayette square, where Charles Emerson Cook, disciple of David Belasco, has encoined the Savoy Musical Comedy Company, there will be precious little time for Christmas dinners, or even hurried luncheons, for the Savoyards have devoted themselves, this week, to an altruistic attempt to bring back a piece of glorious memory, "The Gingerbread Man"—something certain to please the children, of whatever age.

A piece of good news in connection with this effort is that Philander Johnson, dean of dramatic critics hereabouts, has written a prologue to "The Gingerbread Man," and this has been set to music by Vincent J. Colling, musical director for the Savoyards. A poet, Mr. Johnson's prologue is naturally in verse; and those who have kept touch with his little verifications, published in his own column, "Shooting Stars," over a period of some thirty or forty years, may know that here will be something to awaken heart interest. Philander Johnson knows the heart of childhood.

"Nothing is so precious as the gift of being able to see life as a little child. The great geniuses of all time have possessed this priceless alchemy to a high degree. So-called 'practical' human beings—men and women of important affairs—decide themselves into thinking that this quality is a handicap in their worldly advancement, and it is only once in a while that they permit themselves the luxury of enjoying the carefree, charming joys associated with childhood. Christmas is such a time," says Charles Emerson Cook, producer of the Savoy musical comedies at the Belasco Theater, and responsible for bringing to Washington "The Gingerbread Man," the best-loved of all Christmas singing and dancing fantasies. Eighty per cent of the record-breaking seat sale for the daily matinees and evening performances are for grown-ups, bearing out Mr. Cook's contention.

Charles Emerson Cook, by the way, has angled with the public often and made many catches. About eight months ago he saw the hand writing on the wall concerning the public's rebellion against the high prices charged for the big musical hits—prices prohibitive to all but the very wealthy. He conceived the idea of a musical comedy stock company. Organizing a troupe, he inaugurated a summer season at His Majesty's Theater in Montreal. For fifteen weeks he presented late hits at popular prices, and the theater was not big enough to hold the audiences. Prior fall bookings at His Majesty's Theater prompted Mr. Cook to take his company to Toronto. After a ten-week stay there, he learned that the Belasco Theater was available, and a wave of homesickness for American soil is said to have influenced his decision to bring his company to the Capital.

Mr. Cook graduated from Harvard some 30 years ago, and there he made quite a name for himself in amateur theatricals. Afterward he was associated with the Boston Herald as dramatic critic. A very constructive piece of criticism he wrote at this time brought him in contact with David Belasco. He was prevailed upon to go into theatricals and did so. For fifteen years he worked with Belasco, and these, he says, were the most profitable years in his experience. Belasco is his ideal. Mr. Cook has several plays to his own credit. One which made a big impression at the time was called "Red Feather," produced by Ziegfeld. Another was "The Rose of the Alhambra."

HAVING heard so much about the phenomenal success of "Strange Interlude" in New York, Washingtonians may wish to know whether the company that comes to give this extraordinary play here is as worthy a troupe as the one that continues to play the piece in New York.

Miss Theresa Helburn, executive director of the Theater Guild, has declared that the company that comes here is in many respects superior to the New York company—and such a reversal of the usual procedure of producers in sending troupes to the "road" is explained by the fact that the Theater Guild, well established in New York, is just now seeking to build up a good will for itself in other cities. Hence more than its usual care in preparing a production has been expended on this "Strange Interlude," which is to serve, in a number of cities all the way to the Pacific Coast, as a sample of what the Guild can do.

At the head of the cast is Pauline Lord, one of the first actresses of America. An interesting experiment in comparing the casts of the two "Strange Interludes" companies was tried out in the week just past—the touring company that plays here this week supplanted the New York company at the John Golden Theater for one week, and New York critics were invited to come and compare its performance with that of the company playing regularly in that theater, which rested up for this one week after eleven months' constant playing. Praise for the touring company was encouraging.

Pegasus rides hard and high at Christmas time, and another dramatic critic, of the old days, comes forth with a paean. This, a contribution to this column, is from the pen of the celebrated Willard Holcomb, who presided over The Washington Post dramatic pages years and years ago; when Philander Johnson was first striking his true stride, and even before the days of Dr. Frank Morse and the late William Page. The ode follows:

A CHRISTMAS LONG AGO ALONG THE O H I O.

Here's a little lyric of a Christmas—long ago
That dates back in my memory some forty years ago—
In a "way-back country mansion, and if you want to know
'Twas "Down the river, down the river, down the O h i o."

I see a rolling hilltop—all blanketed with snow,
And from the road the cedars a-standing in a row
Led right up to the front porch and ready open door
Whose draught along the hallway made the open fireplace roar.

The back-log was good 6 feet long—diameter was two,
It took a yoke of oxen to snake it from the blue,
And two strong men with cat-hooks to place it trim and true
Behind the giant andirons, and underneath the flue.

Then, with a hickory forelog, and chunks of cherry, too,
And chips of beech and chestnut and swamp oak that burned blue,
A fat pine knot to start it—how the sparklets flew!
Old England had her Yule log; old Buckeye had his, true.

A day of feast and frolic, with no one 'in his cups',
Then, as a special present, one of Old Sweetlips' pups,
And lastly from the paddock they led a pony fine
With flowing mane and telflocks, and said that he was mine.

O, princes, kings and emperors, I envied not a one!
A hundred million dollars meant a useless lot of 'mon'.
Don't talk about great fortunes, for who can have such fun
As a boy who's just turned fourteen—with a dog, a horse and gun!

Symphony Group.

America boasts the second oldest orchestral organization in the world—the New York Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra, which will play here on Tuesday afternoon, January 8, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Washington Auditorium. The Philharmonic-Symphony Society is antedated by only one extant orchestra, the London Philharmonic, which was organized early in the nineteenth century.

The organizers of the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra were New York musicians who felt the need of a permanent symphony group. The society was founded on April 2, 1842, and gave its first concert on December 7 of the same year in the Apollo Rooms on lower Broadway. No Philharmonic concert has ever been canceled, and only two have been postponed in the 85 years of the society's history. One concert was shifted, owing to the death of President Lincoln, and another was postponed when the conductor, Anton Seidl, died suddenly.

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Helen Auld in "The Gingerbread Man"—Belasco.

Pauline Lord in "The Strange Interlude"—National.

Noel Francis in "Well, Well, Well"—Poli's.

Fay Norman—Strand.

STRANGE DRAMA STARTS IN HERE FOR WEEK'S RUN

Eugene O'Neill's much-discussed nine-act play, "Strange Interlude," opens at 5:30 this afternoon at the National. It is to be expected that the nine-act drama will repeat here its success in New York, where, after nearly a year's engagement, the theater is continually filled to the last seat. This epic tells of a woman's struggle for happiness. Some call her selfish and unscrupulous in her envelopment of the lives of three men, others call her a faithful follower of woman's deepest instincts—but no matter how much they disagree it has been noticed that every member of the audience is always promptly back in the theater for the beginning of the second part of the play, after the dinner intermission of an hour and twenty minutes.

The story of Nina Leeds, with her three men—husband, lover and friend—whose lives she has enfolded, is told on two planes, so to speak—through the voiced mental reactions of the characters as well as through the ordinary speeches of the characters to one another—the audience hears what they think as well as what they say, with consequent illuminating passages in which what they say contradicts what they think. For example, one man, when meeting another, registers the inner thought, "No giant intellect there," but stifles the mental sneer to greet the newcomer cordially—an ironic commentary on the whole world's little hypocrites. With its portrayal of the whirlwind into which human beings are involuntarily caught up by love, the play's message is summed up in the speech of one character—"Romantic imagination, it has ruined more lives than anything else in the world."

The Theater Guild of New York presents the play here with its usual meticulous care, and with a fine cast of well-known players, including Pauline Lord, Ralph Morgan, Harry C. Bannister, Donald MacDonald, Helen Ann Hughes, Maud Durand and James Todd.

DIMPLED GALS AT THE STRAND

This week's attraction at the Strand Theater, called "Dimpled Darlings," is said to be one of the most popular of Mutual burlesques.

George Leon is featured for his eccentric comicallities. Leon has attained great popularity during the past five years in entertaining the burlesque fans in his own peculiar manner.

Featured as leader of the feminine section with "Dimpled Darlings" is Fay Norman, a blonde prima donna of the burlesque type. She specializes in "blues" songs and "alhimmes."

Lillian Kaye, a brunette soubrette, assists Miss Norman in directing the song and dance energies of the chorus.

Miss Lillian Kaye has individual talent of the entertaining sort, including the knack of kicking to astounding height. Eddie Lorrain, German comedian; Abe Eher, singing and dancing specialist; and Alfred Kay, a character actor, will lend individual and allied expressions of talent to the general program.

A special midnight performance will be given by the Strand on New Year's Eve.

"Jack and Jill"

Charles Emerson Cook, director of the Savoyards at the Belasco, and Vincent Colling, his capable musical director, have written and composed a new number, "Jack and Jill," for next week's Christmas frolic, "The Gingerbread Man." Mr. Colling is the composer of several popular songs. Mr. Cook is the author of such well known operatic successes as "Red Feather," "The Chorus Girl" and "The Rose of the Alhambra." The last named was originally produced in Washington, and at the Belasco. All three scored long runs in New York.

Additional news of the theater will be found on page 5 of this section.

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NEW MUSICAL COMEDY OPENS ON CHRISTMAS

"Well, Well, Well," the musical comedy surprise, which the Independent Producing Corporation will present at Poli's, for one week beginning Christmas night, Tuesday, December 25, has an unusually large cast of comedians.

Jack Pearl, of Winter Garden fame, is the featured comedy. He was here last season with "Artists and Models." Supporting Mr. Pearl is Lee Kohlmer, Fred Hillebrand and Freddy Lightner. Others in the cast are, Ann Orr, Noel Francis, Virginia Barrett, Allan Waterous, Edith Griffith, Edmond Mulcahy, Harold Crane and Veloz and Yolanda, the celebrated dancing team, last seen in Washington with "Bonita."

The chorus of over 50 includes the Jack Donahue-John Boyle Girls, under the personal direction of John Boyle, and an ensemble of singing and dancing boys and girls.

Harold Stern and His Radio Orchestra, a feature over station WOR, will provide the music. Montague Glass, Jules Eckert Goodman and Harold Atteridge wrote the book, similar to their famous Potash and Perlmutter series. Max and Nathaniel Lief wrote the lyrics and Muriel Pollock and Arthur Schwartz the music.

"Well, Well, Well," is presented in two acts and seven scenes, designed by Watson Barrett and costumed by Barber of Paris and Ernest Schuffa. Lew Morton staged the book and Dave Gould arranged the dances. This big musical comedy plays Washington prior to opening in New York.

Program Dancer.

Angna Enters, program dancer, will appear for the first time before a Washington audience at the National Theater on the afternoon of Friday, January 11, at 4:30 o'clock. Miss Enters will be presented under the joint auspices of the Bryn Mawr and Wellesley Clubs of Washington.

THE GINGERBREAD MAN FOR ALL CHILDREN FROM 7 TO 70

MERRY! XMAS EVERYBODY!
HERE I AM! Told you I'd be on time. Just arrived from SANTA CLAUS LAND with good old KRIS himself. All this week, starting TODAY, at the SHUBERT-BELASCO THEATER, and every afternoon starting CHRISTMAS DAY, I'll be here with my jolly little pals. First, there's JACK HORNER and his pretty sweetheart, MAZIE BON. Then there's the lovely PRINCESS SUGAR PLUM. Then there's SIMON (I couldn't get rid of him), not to mention WONDROUS WISE, of bramble-bush fame (he thinks he knows everything), and JACK and JILL, who never COULD watch their step. With that mischievous little tomboy, MARGERY DAW, always ready to start something, we'll have loads of fun. But there's trouble, too. For the wicked MACHIEVALUS FUDGE, dealer in black art and second-hand curses, keeps interfering, along with his terrible FIERY DRAGON. Just as their evil spells threaten to spoil everybody's Christmas, presto! along comes CARA-MELITA, THE QUEEN, and sets everything right. And then what do you think happens? The turns out that I am not a gingerbread man at all, but in reality the rightful KING BUNN OF PASTRYLAND. Then JACK and the PRINCESS are married, and all are happy ever after—or rather until the next performance.

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Four Out of Five.
Great Barrington, Mass. (A.P.).—After an accident a motorist was convicted of having no registration card with him; of having no liability insurance; of changing registration plates, and of driving illegally a car with a sliding gear. He was acquitted on one other automobile charge.

THE WASHINGTON POST: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1928.

All material for this column must be sent to the State Office, Room 101, Burlington Hotel, by the Wednesday preceding the Sunday on which publication is desired.

Children who have to spend Christmas in the Receiving Home under the care of the Board of Public Welfare are not alone in their loneliness. Christmas party by the Congress of Parents-Teachers Association at the home, 816 Potomac avenue southeast, under the auspices of the Committee of Juvenile Protective Association, of which Mrs. Glen C. Leach is chairman.

Members of the committee are making and filling stockings, 20 of which Mrs. Alfred Holtzman has undertaken to fill, the others to be filled by the members of the association. Christmas presents and decorations will be furnished by the Parent-Teacher Association of the Patrick Henry School of Arlington, Va., and a tree and its ornaments by Mrs. Helen Leach.

Ernest H. Daniel will make a real party by giving ice cream for all the children.

There is to be an entertainment and the singing of Christmas carols around the tree. It is hoped that friends will see that a gift for the children is made, so that there is a "Santa Claus" and that the Christmas spirit is for them as well as for their more fortunate brothers and sisters.

Christmas Appeal.

When Christmas is in the air the District of Columbia Congress of Parents and Teachers looks for opportunities to spread Christmas cheer in places that would otherwise be cheerless.

This year the Christmas party at the Receiving Home is the big event, and in addition Mrs. G. S. Rafter, State president, made an appeal at Tuesday's meeting for glasses of jelly or jam for "shut-in" children whose ill health prevents their taking part in Christmas festivities.

The instant response of lifted hands would indicate that many little ones will be cheered by a gift of jelly or jam that will show them that they were not forgotten at this holiday time, that particularly belongs to happy children. Please do not forget your promise to bring a glass of jelly or jam to the State office, room 101, Burlington Hotel.

Singing Mothers.

The Singing Mothers Chorus met at the home of Mrs. Norris Monday afternoon. After the business meeting they entertained the executive board of the Congress with a Christmas party. Refreshments were served and music by the chorus, while "Santa Claus" distributed gifts from "her" well-filled pack.

Three of the chorus, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Lerch, and Mrs. Dunham, dressed in oriental robes to represent the "Three Kings of the Orient," sang the old carol and presented symbolic gifts to Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, and afterward surprised Mrs. Norris with a gift from the chorus.

The chorus sang Christmas carols and Parent-Teacher Association songs at the meeting of the District of Columbia Congress of Parents and Teachers held at the Burlington Hotel Tuesday.

Monthly Conference.

"There is a difference between house-keeping and homemaking," said W. H. Gibson to the members of the District of Columbia Congress of Parents and Teachers at the Burlington Hotel Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Gibson is an international authority on "Boys." He organized the first Boys' Summer Camp in America, and has written many books on the subject of "Boys." He was in Washington for a brief visit and through Y. M. C. A. he spoke to several groups while he was in town. He said that "the normal boy is 50 per cent dirt and 50 per cent mother," and that the mother and the noise annoys father. The wise parents adjust themselves to their children instead of forcing their own ideas upon them, and girls to conform to set patterns.

The other speaker was William Tyler Page, clerk of the House of Representatives, who was introduced by Frank C. Merritt, one of the elected delegates of the District of Columbia Congress of Parents and Teachers at the Burlington Hotel Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Page concluded his address by reciting the "Americans Creed" of which he is the author.

The members of the Reading Circle of the Stuart Junior High, under the direction of Mrs. L. Magruder, presented a little play on "The Value of the Child Welfare Magazine."

Social Hygiene.

Due to the efforts of the District of Columbia Social Hygiene Association, Dr. T. W. Galloway of the Federal Hygiene Association of New York, who in this Washington from January 6 to February 6, returned to New York in this period will be given to Parent-Teacher groups.

This is the first time the success of the social hygiene work has been reported on the energy and direct leadership of the local associations. This opportunity to hear Dr. T. W. Galloway is a rare one and given without great financial cost, it is an obligation of the members, as well as a privilege, to make his classes a success.

A suggestion as to handling the publicity is that a notice be sent home through the schools of these classes asking that those interested in attending the course of four lectures send their names to the children of the committee in their school.

Each school parent-teacher association must be represented by at least three persons. The centers selected were chosen because they had an auditorium and because of their location; also as they were convenient to a number of neighborhood schools.

John Burroughs, Eighth and Monroe streets northeast, will be the center for the following schools: Woodridge, Langdon, Brookland, and Bunker Hill. Mrs. H. J. Sherwood, chairman, and Mrs. Wallace Perry president.

Mount Pleasant Library, Sixteenth and Mount streets northeast, will be the center for the following schools: Bancroft, Johnson, Powell, Cooke, Ross and Hubbard. Mrs. John M. Gries chairman.

Macfarland Junior High School, Iowa avenue and Webster street northwest, will be the center for these schools: Whittier, Raymond, Takoma, Park View and Brightwood Junior High. Mrs. Walter B. Fry chairman and James G. Yaden president.

West School, Farragut street northwest, will be the center for the following schools: Brightwood, Barnard, Truesdell and Petworth. Mrs. H. S. Davidson chairman and Oscar A. Thorpe president.

Hine Junior High School, Seventh street between Pennsylvania avenue and C street southeast, will be the center for these schools: Wallace-Towers, Brent-Dent, Bryan, Buchanan and Ran-

dall-Highlands-Orr. Mrs. Charles W. Nestler chairman and Mrs. W. Edward Nestler president.

Legislation.

"The Value and Interpretation of Public School Statistics" was the subject of an address by Dr. Frank M. Phillips, of the Division of Statistics, United States Bureau of Education, at the study class in legislation on Tuesday morning at the Burlington Hotel. He spoke of the importance of any practical value school statistics must be (1) comparable, (2) comprehensive, (3) accurate, (4) continuous, and (5) reliable. He was shown indicating the trend in school costs, in birth rate and its effect on school attendance, comparison of salaries to building and other costs, health of teachers compared to persons in other occupations, ratio of school children to automobiles, and the percentage of illiteracy since 1870. In 1870 20 per cent of the population 10 years of age and over were illiterate; in 1880, 13-10 per cent; in 1900, 7-10 per cent; and in 1920, 6 per cent.

Bills Indorsed.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the regional monthly conference held at the Burlington Hotel, Tuesday, December 18: "Be it resolved, That the District of Columbia Congress of Parents and Teachers, in regular session assembled this 18th day of December, 1928, indorses the Gibson library bill (H. R. 4149), providing for a five-year building and extension program for the free public library system of the District of Columbia."

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Local Presidents.

There were 22 presidents of local parent-teacher organizations present at the monthly conference held Tuesday at the Burlington Hotel. The Bancroft Parent-Teacher Association had chosen their president, Mrs. Davis, publicity chairman, Mrs. Davis, cooperation of the committee chairman and the teachers in her work. She reported on the play presented at the Bial School by the pupils of the 3A and 3B, Mrs. Macdonald, teacher.

Mrs. Jones, president of the Wheatley Parent-Teacher Association, made a short talk, Miss Sprucebank presented a musical program consisting of "The Christmas Carol" by Mrs. Nellie Chaillet, accompanied by Mrs. Kinsella, and Christmas carols sung by the members.

Refreshments were served by the refreshment chairman, Mrs. Meyers. The attendance banner in the Blair went to Mrs. Lavina, fourth grade, and in the Hayes, Mrs. Bender, 1A grade.

Woodridge.

Miss Catherine Watkins, district director of kindergarten, in her address on the subject of "Christmas and the Kindergarten" before the Woodridge Parent-Teacher Association December 13, brought out the fact that where there is a wide-spread feeling for anything that is universal need for it. The universality of the Santa Claus myth shows that the child's mind is not limited by the things he sees, but by the things he believes in and Miss Watkins pointed out that if the children are denied the fairy story, they strike at the root of their faith.

Langdon.

"The home with a mother who sings is all right," was the opening remark of H. W. Gibson, of Massachusetts, in his talk on "Boys and Christmas." He said that the Christmas party last Friday, Gibson, an expert who has worked with boys for 37 years, said that the Christmas party is the best time for a mother to be with her children.

Mrs. William Collins, a former executive of Langdon, who has just returned from a trip abroad, pointed out the advantages offered by American schools as compared with those of the European countries, Mrs. Collins visited.

Every one at the meeting was given Christmas gifts by Santa Claus. The made special presentations to Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, guest of honor; Mrs. Eppa Norris, president; Miss Sisson, principal; and Mrs. L. C. Shelton, who recently made a gavel for the school. Refreshments were served in the corridor, where there was a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Henry D. Cooke.

The executive committee of Henry D. Cooke Parent-Teacher Association met with the president, Mrs. John M. Gries, in the school auditorium on Friday to consider the purchase of a gift to the school.

Randall-Highlands-Orr.

The Randall-Highlands-Orr Parent-Teacher Association met at the Orr school on Tuesday, December 18, for a review of books by favorite authors was given by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades. Mrs. Giles, children's librarian of the Southeast branch, talked on books.

At a joint meeting of the Randall-Highlands-Orr Parent-Teacher Association and the Randall-Highlands-Orr Citizens Association on December 15, Dr. Frank W. Ballou gave an address on school needs of that community.

Carberry.

"The Responsibility of the Community in Accident Prevention" was the subject of an address by G. Starling, of

the A. A. A., at the evening meeting of the Carberry Parent-Teacher Association held December 14. A safety play was put on by the pupils of the Peabody-Hilton-Carberry schools entitled "The Trial of George Knapp, of the A. A. A."

Mrs. Alfred Grosskurth stated that 114 bottles of free milk were given during the month. Mrs. Norman Sandridge, membership chairman, reported 53 new members. The association voted to give \$25 to the District budget. Mrs. George Fox, president, appointed Mrs. Grosskurth and Mrs. Burley to serve as delegates to the Stanton Park Citizens Association.

A talk was given by Miss M. Gertrude Young, administrative principal, Santa Claus will visit Carberry this year as usual; the milk lunches will not be served and will be replaced by a "Dixie" for the larger grades and candy canes for the kindergarten, the gift of the association. The banner for the best attendance of parents was won by Miss Nevitt's room, second grade. Miss Nevitt also won the prize offered by the association for having the largest percentage of parents who attended during the recent membership drive. The singing of Christmas songs by the children ended the evening's program, after which refreshments were served by Mrs. Roland White, chairman, assisted by the grade mothers.

Blair-Hayes.

The first evening meeting of the year of the Blair-Hayes Parent-Teacher Association was held December 13 at the Hayes School. "What the Parent-Teacher Association Means to the Parent" was a paper read by Mrs. Cornelia L. Kinsella. "What It Means to the Education" was read by Miss Howland, principal of the school. The principal, Miss C. I. Kinsella, explained the meaning of the milk and crackers served at the school.

The pupils were delighted with the Christmas program presented by Mrs. C. I. Kinsella and presented by the children. The children who took part in this program included Harry Frisell, Janette, Frances Mitchell, Mrs. DeVos and Myrtle Phillips. There was a large chorus, which sang Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. Katherine Taber, music teacher. Mrs. Katherine Taber teacher, of the school, explained the meaning of the milk and crackers served at the school.

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Jefferson Junior High.

The Jefferson Junior High School Parent-Teacher Association met Monday evening. Dr. B. L. Jarman, the chief speaker of the evening, gave an address on "The Care of the Eyes." The chairman of the health committee, Mrs. V. C. Cullen, made a report on the work of her committee in connection with the health of the pupils. The chairman of the membership committee, Mrs. L. C. Shelton, reported on the work of her committee. The chairman of the ways and means committee, Mrs. L. C. Shelton, reported on the work of her committee. The chairman of the conservation and legislative committee, Mrs. L. C. Shelton, reported on the work of her committee.

Powell Junior.

"Adolescence, Its Character and Danger," was the subject chosen by Dr. J. E. Lind, psychiatrist on the staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, at the meeting of the Powell Parent-Teacher Association, Wednesday afternoon. Following the address, refreshments were served, and Dr. Lind answered many of the questions that had been puzzling the 75 mothers present.

The members of the Powell Parent-Teacher Association met on Tuesday morning by the health department was completed at both Fox and Adams schools. Pre-school children were brought to the schools by their mothers and given the Schick test and the third vaccination. As the school has been absent from one of these treatments by going to the Health Center at 812 I street northwest, on Wednesday or Saturday between the hours of 10 and 12.

For further information apply to Mrs. A. C. Chambers, 1719 Corcoran street northwest.

A large gathering of mothers and teachers met at the Taylor school on Wednesday. Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, State President, was the speaker, and she was assisted by Mrs. Eppa Norris, president of the local association.

Girls' Friendly.

The branch of St. Stephen's Church in the new parish hall, Newton street, held a girls' friendly on Wednesday. It was voted to give a Christmas basket to a needy family and Miss Virgil, who was in charge, Miss Shanks and Miss Beatrice Pond were her assistants.

A special meeting was arranged for December 20 to plan a play to be given later. Miss Kathryn Latimer, Miss Eleanor Prowd and Miss Allen Ford were visitors on Monday at the meeting.

The candidates at Epiphany Chapel for a Christmas party Monday afternoon. Eighty small girls were present. First the usual service was held, carols sung, a violin solo was played by Mary Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Margaret Cornwell, and recitations given by Alice Wise and Rita Heil. Then games were played, led by Miss Adams, refreshments were served, and each child given a "snapper" with paper cap and favor and as the children went home they were given red and white bangles with candy.

Miss Harlan's basketry class presented each of the eight teachers with a basket as a Christmas gift. The baskets were made by the girls of the class, and the red and white bangles were made by the girls of the class. The baskets were made by the girls of the class, and the red and white bangles were made by the girls of the class.

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able to hold the interest of not only the parents and teachers but of the numerous small children who attended the meeting. Refreshments were served and the social hour was enjoyed when the parents met the teachers, and a mutual understanding was got when the parents and teachers talked on the interesting subject of "their child."

Whittier.

The executive committee of the Greenleaf Whittier Parent-Teacher Association met at the home of Mrs. Herbert Wilson Monday evening to make final arrangements for the Christmas party which was proposed at the regular meeting of the association. The Christmas party was given by the children of the school Friday. Santa Claus was there with a little remembrance for each child.

Madison.

The Madison School Parent-Teacher Association met December 13. Following the salute to the day various reports were read. The chairman of the theater benefit committee, Mrs. Cheek, told of the cost of giving a Christmas party for the children. It was decided to give the matter further consideration. The message of the State president, Mrs. Giles Scott Rafter, was read by Mrs. Charles W. Wagner, and the Parent-Teacher Bulletin were circulated among the parents.

The association approved of holding a candy sale during the latter part of January. New members were enrolled and the meeting proved to be the best of the year. The school room "light" was a paper read by Mrs. Cornelia L. Kinsella. "What It Means to the Education" was read by Miss Howland, principal of the school. The principal, Miss C. I. Kinsella, explained the meaning of the milk and crackers served at the school.

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WORK'S BRIDGE.

SHOULD a worthless singleton in North's hand force him to take out South's untested No Trump? Last Sunday's Auction Bridge article answered this question with respect to the case in which North's take-out would be with a Major suit. Today we shall consider the same question with respect to a Minor take-out, viz: should North, holding a singleton over-club South's untested No Trump with two of a Minor, would he pass?

It must be conceded that a take-out of partner's No Trump, either with a Major suit or with a Minor, should have a fixed and definite meaning. It is not sufficient to say that the take-out shows a five-card suit, or even that it shows a five-card suit with two honors. J-10-x-x-x with nothing on the side is practically a bust hand, but A-K-x-x-x with nothing on the side is a holding of great value when facing a No Trump. The important thing for the No Trump player to know is whether the take-out shows strength or weakness.

The question now very generally employed is that any Major take-out, or a Minor take-out when the bidding side has a score, should show strength; but that a Minor take-out with two-bid should show weakness when the score of the bidding side is zero. Should South bid No Trump and West bid a Minor, would he take-out? The answer is, "Yes, but with a better chance for game at No Trump than at Clubs if North held the following hand:

There are few combined Closed Hand and Dummy holdings which will give a player a better chance of success than yet will fail to produce nine tricks at No Trump; and when such a hand is held, the player is usually at least five cards. When the partner of a No Trump wishes to show a strong Minor of six cards or longer, and to indicate his take-out is made with strength, not weakness, he does so by bidding three instead of two.

Suppose the take-out, made far too frequently, is greatly abused by the average player; nevertheless, it is an important item in the vocabulary. Take such hands as:

With any of the above, a player would be severely handicapped if his system barred his taking out his partner's No Trump with weakness; it does not matter what the take-out shows, but with a Major, take-outs showing strength is more important than weakness.

Suppose the practice of passing with a Minor weakness was abandoned, and there could be substituted a convention calling for taking out with strength and a singleton and passing under all other conditions (except where the partner has a strong Minor); is it probable that there would be any gain in the long run? Take the following hands:

Suppose South bid one No Trump and North held his singleton bid two Clubs; North, knowing that North's bid showed Club strength and length, probably strength elsewhere and also a probable long run, would he take out? What to do if North's singleton was a Spade and South went back to No Trump, the result would be disastrous; but if North's singleton was either a Heart or a Diamond, game would be very improbable at Clubs and practically assured at No Trump. With the odds two to one in favor of South's being able to protect the short suit, he doubtless would bid two No Trumps over North's two Clubs; and therefore the only result of the take-out would be greater loss in the event of North's weakness being Spades, and no gain if it were either of the other suits.

When a No Trump is facing a hand that contains a singleton and strength in one or more other suits, the chances are that the No Trump is in shape to take care of the singleton suit; so I do not believe it wise to permit the holding of a worthless singleton to influence the No Trump player's decision. If a Minor when such take-out would not have been made had the singleton suit been longer.

The night class of the branch is meeting regularly with Miss Edith Van Horn as chairman, Miss Mary Georgina, vice chairman, and Miss Jennie Scott, secretary.

HEARD ON WMAL.

THOMAS MUIR, popular tenor, who will be heard in the Lowrey Radio Hour, at 9 o'clock from Station WMAL, and associated stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

OFF THE ANTENNA.

By ROBERT D. HEINL.

THOSE who are holding off buying a radio set for Christmas for fear revolutionary development will render it obsolete may be interested to know that though Vice President Charles G. Dawes has had dozens of up-to-the-minute radio sets offered to him, he still sticks to a set between four and five years old. Not only that, but being a real fan, he carries the set with him wherever he goes.

Since Gen. Dawes has been Vice President the set has made six round trips with him between Washington and his home at Evanston, Ill. "A curious thing," said H. K. Zinsacker, of the Radio Corporation of America, who looks after the Vice President's set, "is, despite the thousands of miles of travel and the banging around it has gotten, that in those years about all we ever had to do was to change a tube or two."

Although leading a life crowded with official and social duties, Vice President Dawes, doubtless prompted by his love for music, listens to everything he possibly can on the air, and in so doing sits up all hours of the night, apparently just like any other radio fan. His fondness for the radio is also said to be shared by Mrs. Dawes.

These radio Christmas suggestions have been made by Charles Berrien, of the New York Herald-Tribune:

Borah—Loud speaker; Senator Marconi—Spaghetti tubing; Roxy—Gang condensers, and Lon Chaney, a transformer.

To which we would add: Coolidge—Fading (March 4); Hoover—A new cabinet, and Hefflin—Volume control.

The broadcast to be made by Sir Henry Thornton, chairman of the Canadian National Railways, Thursday night, December 27, will have added interest because he is an American. Sir Henry was born in Logansport, Ind., November 6, 1871. He began his railroad work as a draftsman on the Pennsylvania line.

To properly stage Sir Henry's talk, the Canadian National Railways have planned a coast-to-coast hook-up requiring 10,000 miles of telephone wire. Fourteen Canadian stations will participate—a record for Canada—linking Halifax with Vancouver.

The key station and probably the easiest to pick up from the United States will be CNRM, at Montreal, which broadcasts with 1650 watts power and on a frequency of 730 kilocycles (410.7 meters wave length). This position on the dial is just between WOR at Newark and WGN, Chicago, on the one side, and WSB, Atlanta, on the other. The broadcast will begin at 9:30 o'clock, E. S. T.

A former Washingtonian is heard from in the announcement that hereafter Maj. H. W. Angus will be manager of public relations for the Radio Corporation of America. Maj. Angus, a former newspaper man, was overseas with Gen. J. G. Harbord, now president of the Radio Corporation.

Following this, Maj. Angus was in charge of the press room here at the War Department. Gen. Harbord subsequently persuaded him to leave the Army and to go to New York with the Radio Corporation.

Maj. Angus had considerable to do with the details of the formation of the National Broadcasting Company and served for a time as Assistant vice president and general manager of that organization but later returned to the R. C. A.

A much debated question is what the farmer wants to hear over the radio. The following letter received by station WENR at Chicago from H. O. Boone, of Kentland, Ind., perhaps indicates what one farmer doesn't want to hear:

"I think it is poor business to cut your station's time off. About the only thing we can get of a morning now is hogs, chickens, ducks, sheep, beef, cabbage, more hogs, more beef, stocks, bonds, etc. Every station, it seems to me, is trying to 'render the farmer a favor' by giving him hogs for breakfast, dinner and supper."

"I think it is sickening to tune into all morning long. If it isn't markets, it's some battle ax telling how to squeeze pimples or make pumpkin pies 'like mother used to make' and I bet 2 to 1 they don't know what a pumpkin looks like."

Roy Chapman Andrews, veteran explorer and fossil hunter, does not believe the radio, as a message carrier, is an untried blessing on expeditions. However, as an aid to the scientific work of exploration, it is invaluable.

Dr. Andrews expounded these views when he lectured in Washington before the National Geographic Society. Having news from the home folks by radio is as distracting on an expedition as telegrams from a sick relative would be to a leading lady were they delivered between the acts. Once an explorer in the wilds of Mongolia or the sands of the Gobi desert learns that something is awry at home he loses interest in the work at hand and yearns to get home. That would be all right on a business trip, Dr. Andrews contends, but it causes only worry on an expedition because the explorer can not run home and back again.

Dr. Andrews showed motion pictures of Mongolians who have been isolated for ages that they know nothing of the outside world, indeed are inclined to believe their tribe are the only human beings, listening to radio programs from Vladivostok. The explorers themselves were diverted by entertainments from various stations in Europe and Asia.

But the value of the radio to the expedition was as an auxiliary to mapping work. By prearrangement time signals were transmitted from Tahiti. These were used to find exact longitude; and the determination of this longitude enabled the cartographers to draw maps more accurately than hitherto has been the case.

These maps will be used in planning the work of next year when a further hunt for early fossil remains of man; and if Asia is found to be the origin place of human kind the radio will have played its part in the discovery.

RADIO PROGRAMS.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23.

WRC—Radio Corporation of America. (315 Kilocycles.) 9:00 a. m.—Morning News. 9:30 a. m.—Morning News. 10:00 a. m.—Morning News. 10:30 a. m.—Morning News. 11:00 a. m.—Morning

SUFFICIENT FINANCE URGED FOR STATIONS

New Ones Should Not Be Licensed Unless So Backed Up, Is View.

REMEDY FOR SMALL CITY

"Radio broadcasting stations, in small towns and communities, which are having a hard time to meet the rigid rules and regulations of the Federal Radio Commission because of the lack of financial support, should secure the aid and cooperation of their civic authorities," declared W. J. Clearman, chief investigator with the Federal Radio Commission, who has just returned after looking over the broadcasting situation in Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico.

Mr. Clearman said he was much impressed by the service being rendered by the small stations, but that if many of them are to keep space with the art and abide by the rules of the commission, they must add new equipment and make provision for program betterment.

"Many individuals," said Mr. Clearman, "who had visions of making money quickly through broadcasting, have been disillusioned, and now they are merely holding their own and they are in no financial position to modernize their plants or expend money for programs."

"The owners of such stations in my opinion should make a deal with the town officials, whereby they would become municipal stations. Such stations should become the pride of their communities and add much to local prestige. The town people would then take pride in building up their station, which would be the center of the community life. It would thus be easily possible to broadcast good lecture and other educational features, and arrangements could be made for securing good musical programs and other entertainment features."

Mr. Clearman is convinced that the time has come when the radio broadcasting industry should be placed on a firm financial basis. He declared:

Need of Stable Financing.

"Of great importance now to the radio listening millions is the establishment on a firm financial basis of the radio broadcasting industry. People who invest good money in receiving sets naturally expect good entertainment when they tune in. On the other hand, the broadcasters have their problems, chief among which is to maintain a sound financial status and continue to put high-class programs on the air. This can be accomplished in two ways—either by being financed from a single business or commercial source or by obtaining upkeek revenue from advertising interests."

"There are at present many stations in the United States owned and operated by large newspapers. Others are owned by big corporations having a business of some kind, and these stations, of course, are secure in taking care of their operating expenses and today constitute an important part of the high-class entertainment of our millions of radio fans are enjoying."

"There are, however, hundreds of stations which do not fall into this class, and their business problems are very real, vitally affecting any engineering calculations of the Radio Commission, however perfect they may be. This situation may be easily met by the commission in regard to new stations by refusing licenses unless sufficient financial resources are available to set up proper equipment and maintain operations and programs for many months without return on the investment."

Western Conditions Good.

"Regarding stations already on the air, a different procedure must be followed owing to legal and other questions involved. However, much may be done through cooperation between broadcasting stations themselves, commercial clubs, advertisers' clubs, better business bureaus, and other municipal agencies to make full use of this most wonderful means of education and entertainment, with an adequate financial return."

Mr. Clearman found radio reception conditions in the West even better than in the more thickly populated areas of the East. He added: "Reports obtained first-hand indicate strongly the wisdom in the recently effected reallocation of station wavelengths. While there developed some criticism immediately following the introduction of the new arrangement, there is less and less adverse comment as the broadcasters themselves gradually get their new equipment functioning properly. In a short time, there should be general satisfaction from the change of the radio broadcasting system to its present status."

INVESTIGATOR



W. J. CLEARMAN, newly appointed chief investigator for the Federal Radio Commission, who has just returned from the West where he visited Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico, on an inspection tour.

WLS Station Seeks 100,000-Watts Power

An application to increase its power from 5,000 to 100,000 watts, which would make it the highest-powered broadcasting station in the country, has been received by the Federal Radio Commission from station WLS, operated by the Agricultural Broadcasting Co., Chicago.

It is shown by the application that 51 per cent of the stock of the Agricultural Broadcasting Co. is owned by the Prairie Farmer Publishing Co. and the remaining 49 per cent is owned by Sears-Roebuck & Co. Construction of the new 100-kilowatt transmitter would be commenced immediately upon completion of a study of available equipment to determine what apparatus is best suited to the station's use should the construction permit be granted.

Hoover May Take Part In Steamboat Parade

Pittsburgh, Dec. 21 (A.P.)—A steamboat parade on the Ohio River, headed by President-elect Herbert Hoover, is planned for September, 1929, to celebrate completion of all locks and dams on the stream. Capt. Oscar Barrett, president of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association, says he already has invited Mr. Hoover and that he has received his tentative acceptance.

Towns and cities along the river will be asked to cooperate, while steamship owners and operators are expected to participate.

Short Waves

Radio coats, "Just the thing to give the home-loving man for Christmas," are the newest things in radio accessories.

What ought to prove a big idea in the United States is the Hungarian railroad that has equipped its waiting rooms with radio. Headphones are rented at 30 cents per hour.

A new radio beacon has been established at Point Arena Light Station, on the California seacoast, to transmit every 180 seconds, groups of 2 dashes and 1 dot for 60 seconds, silent 120 seconds.

The British Board of Trade has given permission for vessels to dispose with the service of the second operator where an automatic device is used. These devices are intended to respond automatically to a combination of dashes, setting into operation a buzzer or bell which serves to attract attention. The signal is to be sent by vessels in distress and to precede the usual distress signal S O S.

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THE LISTENER'S VIEWPOINT

A Code Id Her Head.

To the Radio Editor of The Post—Sir: You are right—as always! Radio certainly has a bad code id her head! Let's hope Dr. Commission can do something quickly to avert the terrible ear trouble that threatens. A dose of codine, perhaps? SHATTERED DRUMS.
December 8.

WMAL Still Broad.

To the Radio Editor of The Post—Sir: WMAL is still so broad I can not tune it out under ten numbers on my dial. I am using one of the highest priced and most selective sets.
G.
December 8.

No Better—No Worse.

To the Radio Editor of The Post—Sir: After a considerable amount of experiments and experiences with a new set which I purchased about two weeks ago, I find that I can get the stations listed below between the hours of 7 and 9 p. m.

My set is a Freshman Electric Music phase. I did have a five-tube Musgrave before the recent changes in wave lengths and power. There were many stations that I listened to regularly that I can not even get now, but there are a good many I can get now that I never heard before, so I think things are about even on that score.

Dial is marked in meters.
WOL, No. 555, Buffalo—Hetro. rather bad.
WOL, 555 to 518—Hetro. and nothing but.
WOL, 518, Boston—Hetro. rather bad.
WCAO, 510, Baltimore—Good.
WMAK, 500 to 470—Washington—Good.
WMAK, 468, Nashville—Good.
WMAK, 460 to 430—New York—Good.
WMAK, 428, Chicago—Good.
WMAK, 428, Chicago—Fair.
WMAK, 415, Atlanta—Good.
WMAK, 408, Detroit—Good, but must detune because of WJZ.
WMAK, 408 to 395, New York—Good.
WMAK, 395 to 380, Schenectady—Good.
WMAK, 375, Met. Station—Good, but WGY is so close it is hard to tune at times.
WMAK, 375, Minneapolis—Good when WHAS is off the air.
WMAK, 368, Louisville—Good.
WMAK, 360, Kennamouth—Good, but must detune because of WABQ.
WMAK, 350, New York—Good.
WMAK, 345, Chicago—Good, but must detune because of WRC.
WMAK, 338 to 305, Washington—Good, but must detune because of WRC.
WMAK, 305, Pittsburgh—Good, but must detune because of WRC.
WMAK, 298, Boston—Good, but must detune because of WRC.
WMAK, 294, Hovis.
WMAK, 292, Richmond—Fair.
WMAK, 280, Philadelphia—Good.
WMAK, 275 to 270—Howell and cross talk. Am not sure if it is intentional or exception of WRC until after midnight.
WMAK, 270 to 260, Washington—Good.
WMAK, 260, not bad tonight, but generally is very bad.
WMAK, 250 for the changes that have been made. I can see no benefit whatsoever, although I don't think it is any worse. There may be a benefit for rural listeners, but I doubt it.

M. S. FRAZIER.

23 Eighth street southeast, December 4.

O. K. Exceeding WRC.

To the Radio Editor of The Post—Sir: A month has now gone by and except for the unusual situation at WRC, conditions in this section are highly satisfactory. Every one of the upper half of the cleared channels are working beautifully with the exception of KPO on 680 k.c., and, of course, some trouble between WGY and KGO, and most of us are hoping that WGY will be kicked entirely out for his attempt to ruin the whole works. Likewise the lower half of the cleared channels are working excellently except KGR on 970, who so far has not been strong enough to break through the carrier of KDKA on 980 and the Canadian stations on 960 k.c. and WRR-WOAI on 1190 k.c., who are being heterodyned off the map by several of the little fellows on 1200 k.c. The removal of WFR from 1120 k.c.

has removed the heterodyne from WFRVA the no doubt helped local listeners in Baltimore as well.

Several stations on uncleaned channels come through well, including KPNP on 890, WMAK-WFBL on 900, WJZ on 920, KMA on 930 and WFVI on 940 k.c., but when we drop down the next notch to 950 k.c. and WRC the jig is up. WRC is absolutely swamped and is now becoming the laughing stock of most every one around, and from the first storm of protest that the Radio Commission had ruined WRC, listeners are now beginning to realize that a great portion of the trouble is with WRC itself, and are saying they don't care what becomes of him as long as he does not try to help himself.

Really, there is something seriously wrong at WRC. The lowest less than 40 miles from WRC and more than 900 miles from Kansas City. Naturally, there should be some interference between WRC and KMBK quite often this time of the year. Actually Kansas City is often strong enough to entirely overpower WRC and he heard distinctly almost as though WRC was not in existence, and even so, they do not have to be at any great volume to do so. There is never a complete sentence heard from WRC, and seldom a complete word when both stations are operating at the same time.

During short periods, when KMBK is not on the air, WRC is only a shadow of what he should be. Any good 250-watt station has him beat by a long shot. Even on the old channel, WRC was never as good as he might have been, and old WCAP was very much better, but now even at times when there is no interference to him, he is at the most not more than half as good as he once was. The 500-watt power therefore have to be remedied by the managers of WRC before any real improvement can be made by the Radio Commission. This condition will certainly be wasted, and they deserve little sympathy as long as it continues.

On the other hand, I have (in the hope that WRC would make an improvement) suggested to the Radio Commission an exchange of frequencies between KMBK-KLDS and WNAD-KGOF in 950 and 1010 kilocycles. This change would put WRC in duplicate with the small Oklahoma stations, at a greater distance than Kansas City, and put KMBK-KLDS in duplicate with the small New York stations, also at a greater distance than Washington.

This is the best, simple change I can see that will benefit WRC and not appreciably affect other stations concerned, and a temporary exchange could do no harm, at least.

This about sums up the situation in this locality as it exists today, one month after the new assignments and but for the total extinguishing of WRC, everything else could be called entirely acceptable though there are, of course, a few rough spots most of which will in time remedy themselves as stations get better set and running on proper power.
A. L. GRAVES.
Box 2, Brooke, Va., December 12.

TROUBLE WITH CRYSTAL SET.

To the Radio Editor of The Post—Sir: I have a crystal set with a new crystal and pole. The first night of the change received WRC, WOL, WMAL.

Report Your Code Interference to Post.

If listeners will report any telegraphic code interference they may hear in the program broadcast band, these complaints will be forwarded to the proper Government officials. It will be necessary to give the exact time of interference, the wave length upon which it was heard, and, if possible, a copy of the code message being transmitted. This information should all be in writing and addressed to the Radio Editor of The Post.

Feature Events During Coming Week

Today—3 p. m., "The Messiah," WMAL; 4 p. m., The Right Rev. James E. Freeman, WRC; 9 p. m., Two Black Crows, WMAL.

Tomorrow—8:30 p. m., Gypsies, WRC; 10 p. m., "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, WMAL; 10:30 p. m., "Noel Antique," WRC; midnight, The Carolers, WMAL; midnight, Christmas Mass from St. Patrick's, WOL.

Tuesday—7 p. m., old Christmas carols by Morley Singers, WRC; 9 p. m., Lew White, organist, Eveready hour, WRC; 10 p. m., The Voice of Columbia, WMAL.

Wednesday—9:30 p. m., Palmolive hour, WRC; 10 p. m. to midnight, Wardman Park Orchestra.

Thursday—9 p. m., Seiberling Singers, WRC; 10 p. m., Rossini and his friends at Pesaro, WMAL.

Friday—8 p. m., United Opera Company, WMAL; Cities Service Concert Orchestra, WRC.

Saturday—9 p. m., Rudolf Friml's "Vagabond King," WRC; 10 p. m., Lucky Strike Dance Orchestra, WMAL.

Questions and Answers

Question—I have a Crosley Bandbox using 201-A tubes and a 112 power tube. Are there any other tubes you suggest to use in the detector or other sockets? I am using 135 volts B and 9½ volts C battery.
T. T. G.

Answer—The 112-A tube is of later design than the 112 and consumes less A battery current. It can be used as a power tube or in the detector socket. In the latter case, it requires 45 volts B battery.

Question—I am considering the purchase of a radio set which by means of interchangeable coils will tune from 30 to 3,000 meters. What might one expect to hear outside of the broadcast band? (2) At the present time would a set be worth while and would it interfere with other sets?

Answer—If the input to the loudspeaker is correct this further adjustment is not necessary, therefore it may make no difference with some sets because the damper on the arm to prevent overloading is not required. Loosen the small thumb-screw at the apex of the cone. Remove the screw so that it will not be lost. Then remove the five screws nearest the center at the rear of the loud speaker.

This allows the metal ring to be removed, leaving the inside mechanism in view. Then remove the three screws which hold the mechanism in position on the main frame.

Now remove the small screw which holds the driving armature to the support at the open end of the horseshoe magnet, and place a small piece of rubber tape between the two metal parts which this screw holds together. The uppermost of these metal parts is silver colored and the under one is dark. A small hole must be cut in the center of the tape so the screw can pass through. Next wind the piston of the driving mechanism with tape or slip a piece of rubber insulation, taken off a piece of wire over the piston, on. The piston is the long thin rod which extends through the apex of the cone. Wind the tape tightly and then vulcanize it by burning a match under it. The rubber insulation which can be pulled off the wire is superior, as it fits tightly on the piston. Then reassemble the parts.

Things Change Fine.

To the Radio Editor of The Post—Sir: Referring to your radio inquiries regarding the changes of allocations of stations, will state that on a five-tube set (Freshman), purchased three years ago, have received since the changes were made, 41 stations, all logged, none of them later than 10 p. m. Have noticed any of the complaints mentioned in your paper. Think the changes are fine. Notice most of the complaints come from crystal set owners.

A. ABEL.
430 Irving street northwest, November 26.

Question—I have a No. 18 Radiola.

but I find no dealer who can give me more than half a dozen or so dial numbers corresponding to the station letters. Is there any way I can get the names and addresses of other users of this type of set who might be able to tell me at what numbers they find certain stations on the dial?

Answer—The only way to locate the stations on the dial is to tune around and find them. Some other set owner might use a different length of antenna and ground and his readings would not necessarily tally with the dial settings of other receivers of the same type.

ON THE AIR THIS WEEK

A Christmas commemoration, the United Orchestras and choral singers will present a rendition of Handel's "The Messiah" at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Both symphonic orchestra and choral singers will lend their services, and many soloists will help to make this broadcast an unusual one. Two hours will be set aside for the rendition of the famous oratorio.

Handel wrote "The Messiah" in 1741 completing the entire work in the small space of 24 days. It was first performed in Dublin in 1742, as a benefit for a charitable organization, and was the last oratorio given by Handel, eight days before his death. Some years later Mozart composed additional accompaniments to it, so admirably executed as to have received almost universal acceptance. No musical work has had much longer, continuous or enduring popularity than "The Messiah."

"The Messiah" will also be sung from Station WRC, and associated stations of the National Broadcasting Co., at 10:15 o'clock this evening.

Station WRC will go on the air at 9:45 o'clock this morning, to broadcast the men's Bible class service from the Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, followed by the regular church service. The Rev. W. M. Depp, pastor, will preach the sermon in the latter.

The Right Rev. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, will speak in the service from Washington Cathedral at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The subject of the Rev. S. Parkes Cadman's sermon from WEAF at 4 o'clock this afternoon will be "The Christmas Feast." The Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick will speak on "The Festival of Christmas" from WJZ and associated stations, including WBAL and WLW at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

"Jingle Bells" will open the Christmas tree party to be broadcast in the Stetson program at 6 o'clock. "Beneath the Holly," a suite which includes such favorites as "Tomorrow Will Be Christmas," "Cantique de Noel," "Adesde Fidelis," and "O, Come Little Children" from WJZ and the English "Hunting Scene" by Bussolotti will be played by George Ventre and his Weymouth Post American Legion Band.

A program of Christmas carols will be presented by a mixed quartet including Olive Kline, Elsie Baker, Arthur Hackett and William Simmons at 9:15 o'clock tonight. The complete program follows:

"O Come, All Ye Faithful," quartet; "The Holy Child" and "Hail Ye Tyne of Holle-days," Olive Kline; "The First Nowell," quartet; "O Holy Night" and "Jesus of Nazareth," William Simmons; Pastoral Symphony, from "The Messiah," orchestra; "No Candle Was There and No Fire" and "The Angel's Song," Arthur Hackett; "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," quartet; "The Virgin's Lullaby" and "Glory to God in the Highest," Elsie Baker, and "Silent Night," the quartet.

The International Suite, by Tschalkowsky, will be presented as a universal message of good will during the "Come to the Fair" period at 10:30 o'clock tonight from WMAL.

A Christmas program will be heard when "Noel Antique" is presented at 10:30 o'clock Monday evening by WRC. This accurate reproduction of yuletide music centuries ago takes the place of the usual grand opera broadcast weekly at that hour. Old Bohemian, French and German carols of hundreds of years ago are listed in this program.

"A Christmas Carol," the famous story by Charles Dickens, will be given a full dramatization from WMAL at 10 o'clock tomorrow evening, lasting two hours and followed by "The Carolers."

Lew White, organist, will be heard during the Eveready Hour at 9 o'clock Christmas Day in a program of suitable selections.

"The Night Before Christmas" will be presented by Hank Simmons and his Show Boat company at 9 o'clock Christmas Day.

Station WOL will broadcast the midnight mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral on Christmas Eve and a Christmas program the following morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, with the Burleigh Singers, and followed by a Federation of Churches program and an organ recital with a tenor soloist.

"The Pearl Fishers" will be offered by the United Opera Co. at 8 o'clock next Friday evening. Rudolf Friml's musical play, "The Vagabond King," will be presented during the Philco Hour Saturday evening at 9 o'clock, starring Miss Jessica Dragonette and Colin O'More.

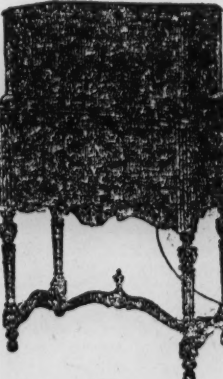
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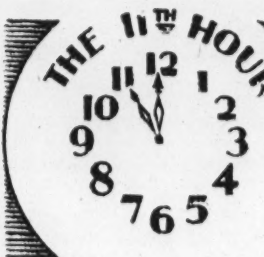
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CHRISTMAS IN THE WHITE HOUSE

1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Becomes More the Private Home on December 25 Than Any Other Day in the Year—Christmas History Rich in Vivid Incidents—First Family Now Takes Active Part in Public Observance of Yuletide—Romantic and Picturesque Events in Celebrations During Many Administrations—Mrs. Coolidge and Mrs. Hoover Thoughtful of Unfortunate at Holiday Season.

By MARY JANE MOORE

ITS immaculate walls agleam in the frosty moonlight of a winter night, in the central setting of century-old trees dotting snow-blanketed lawns, with every huge window a pale yellow oblong of light radiating the atmosphere of the season of good will, the White House on Christmas Eve is a picture that lingers long in the minds of beholders.

Within, the scenes may not differ in essential from those in myriad other American homes at the moment, save for the unobtrusive presence of a uniformed man or two and the eternal vigilance of the Secret Service. As in other homes, sometimes there are children about whom the activities of the occasion revolve, and sometimes the offspring of the First Couple in the Land have grown to maturity, or there are none, just as may be the case at any American fireside.

Always, however, there is present the Yuletide spirit that increasingly, year by year, descends upon all strata of society, rich and poor, and those of high degrees and low, creating a real fellowship of man for at least one season of the year.

In its long service as the official residence of the President, the White House has witnessed varying forms of Christmas observance, because of changing customs and the varied composition of the successive families that have occupied it. Its walls have resounded with the clamor of growing children making the most of the holiday that is nearest the juvenile heart. More restrained has been the music and murmur of formal parties, balls and receptions that sometimes marked the White House Christmas. And sometimes, childless couples or those whose children have themselves become men and women, with the consequent repression that is the penalty of leaving childhood behind, have passed the day quietly happy in the comradeship of each other and perhaps a little knot of intimates.

Latterly, particularly in the administration that is now drawing to a close, the Christmas activities of the White House family have expanded widely beyond the purely family observance of the day that was often the rule in other times. This trend has been brought about largely by the growing observance of the day outside homes and churches, and has taken the executive family away from its own hearth for a not inconsiderable part of the fleeting hours of the holiday.

For several years Mrs. Coolidge has evinced her forgetfulness of the unfortunate, to whom a little cheer at Christmas is priceless, by personally participating in the distribution of Salvation Army dinners to the poor of Washington, and clothing and toys to children to whom otherwise Christmas would be only an empty and mocking term. That the custom will be adhered to in the years to come is not doubted by those who know Mrs. Hoover, for already, as a member of the Cabinet circle, she has established the practice of sending a few hours from her own Christmas to visit the Children's Hospital and brighten for a while at least the drab lives of the little sufferers there immured.

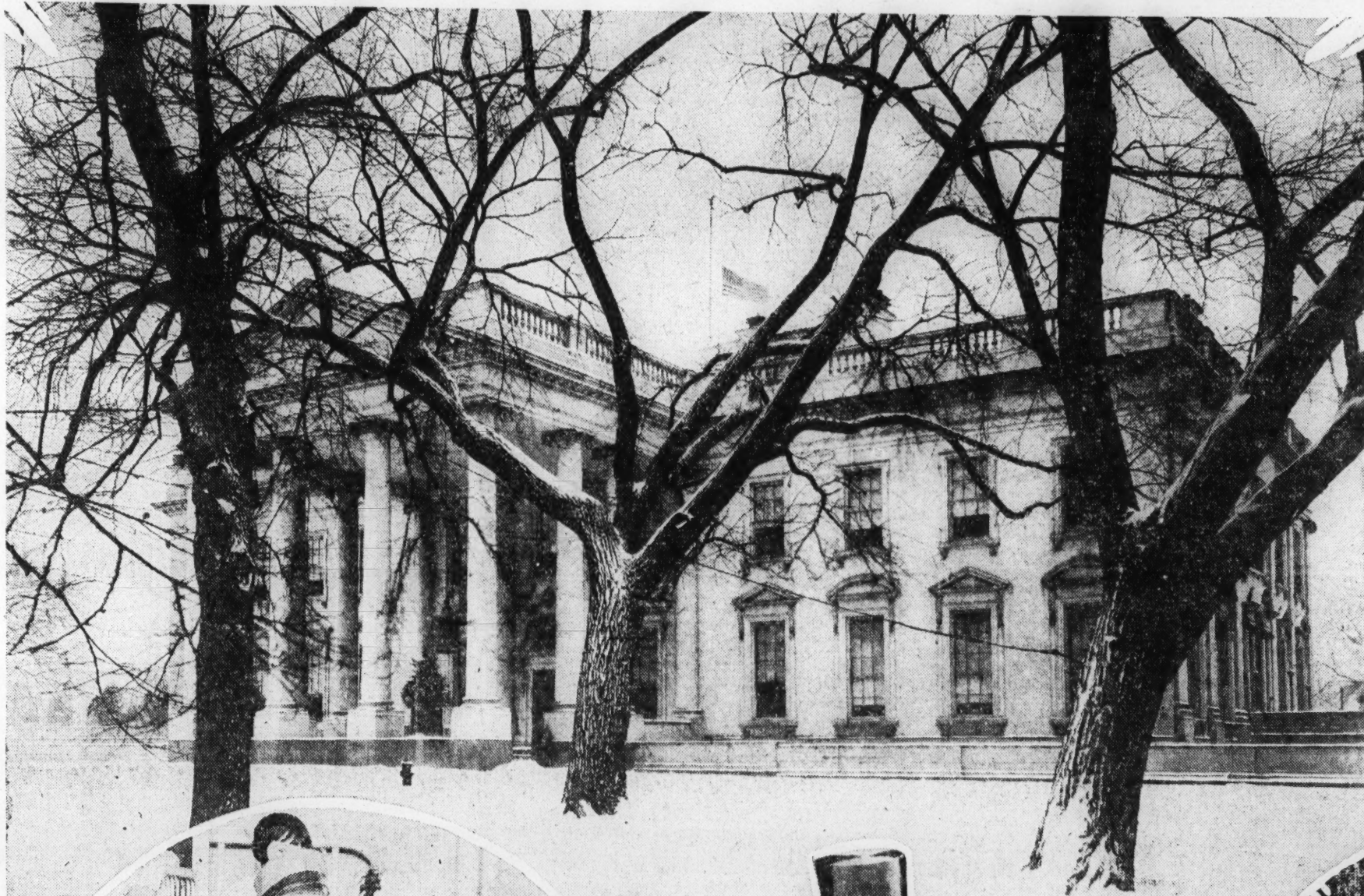
The community Christmas tree is also now a fixture in the National Capital, and each year Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge have attended the formal lighting of the huge fir erected in Sherman Square, at the south end of the Treasury. There the President presses a golden switch and thousands of varicolored lights and jewels blaze out from the ground to the topmost branches, while Boy Scout buglers trumpet the formal opening of Washington's Christmas.

The boom of a rocket is heard, and presently, high in the heavens, a star bursts out, symbolic of the Star of Bethlehem. The Marine Band is present and accompanies the carol singing of the thousands of Washingtonians gathered about the tree. Caught up by the radio, their voices are joined all over the land by church and family groups in one mighty paean of homage to the lowly Nazarene, and a truly national observance of Christendom's greatest feast is under way.

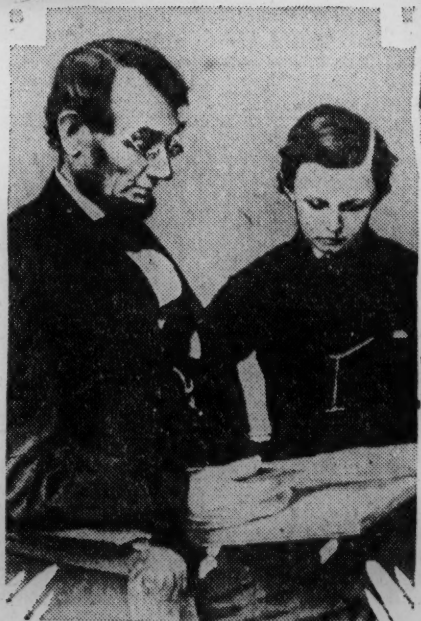
The varied history of White House Christmases begins in the administration of the very first occupant, John Adams. The family had been somewhat dismayed to find the National Capital of the future little more than a collection of rude dwellings and half-completed Government buildings, connected by muddy, unpaved streets, but this did not thwart the President's determination that the first should be a joyous Christmas. There were no children of Christmas age in the household, but there was Susannah, a granddaughter, and she began to make White House Christmas history in no uncertain fashion. Among the most prized of her presents was a doll's tea set, and to share her pleasure Susannah invited in one of her little playmates, with the result that most of the dishes were broken. Susannah's retaliation was prompt and primitive. She turned caustic, so to speak, and unceremoniously bit the nose right off the large new wax doll that was her little guest's pride and joy.

There were only grandchildren also in Jefferson's term, but it can not be doubted that the charming Dolly Madison, who, as wife of the Secretary of State in that administration, began her long reign as mistress of the White House by acting as hostess for the widowed President, managed to make Christmas a merry time in the White House. But it was in 1815, when she had become actual First Lady by the election of James Madison as President, that the most picturesque Christmas occurrence of her time is recorded by Mrs. Benjamin W. Crowninshield, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, who wrote that on Christmas Eve the White House parrot was brought in to the family circle. "It ran after Mary," wrote Mrs. Crowninshield, "trying to catch her feet in its beak, so frightening her that she jumped in a chair and clung to Mrs. Madison," with the result that "we had quite a frolic."

In 1820 Dan Cupid made his White House debut, and it was at the Christmas party of that year that there was begun the romance of Maria Hester Monroe, born in France during her father's diplomatic service there, mature for her years and much petted, with her first cousin and her father's private secretary, Samuel L. Gouverneur. They were

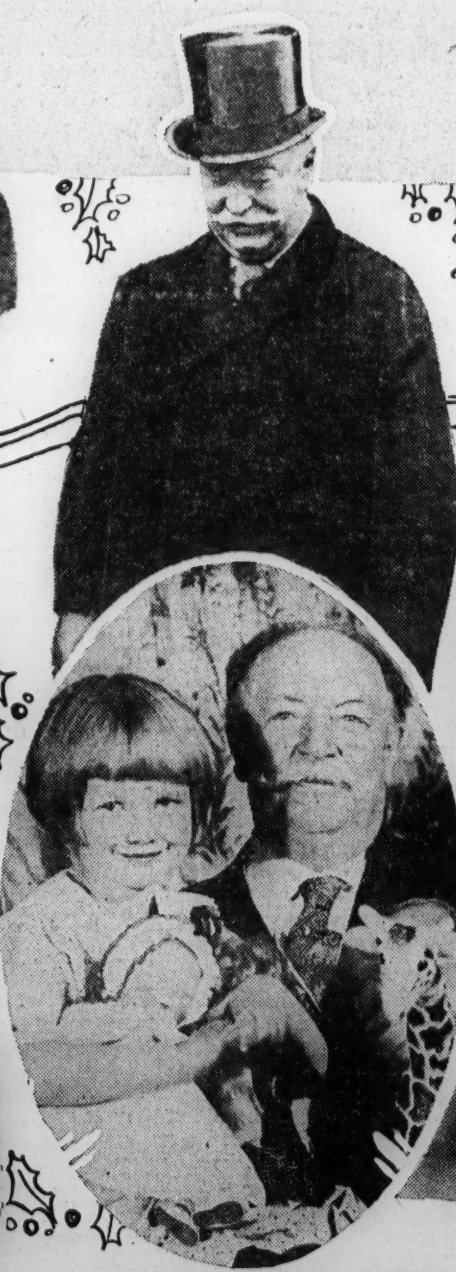


At top—No. 1600 Pennsylvania avenue, the White House, about which cluster the memories and the traditions of many Christmas seasons under many Chief Executives. Above—Mrs. Herbert Hoover, next first lady, whose Yuletide activities usually embrace visits to the hospitals.



Abraham Lincoln and his son "Tad" are two in whom many legends of Christmas in the White House center.

of "blind man's buff" and "puss in the corner" that rounded out the joyous evening. Another President who found pleasure in organizing happy times for the youngsters was John Tyler, who personally directed a



The Taft administration was noted for its joviality. The only living ex-President is shown in oval with his small granddaughter, little Helen Manning.



Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the President, is accustomed to ally herself with the Salvation Army in relief of the poor at the holiday season.

Mrs. Taft, a White House visitor during the Hayes term of office, later returned as the wife of the President.

"Last evening," the scribe wrote, "I had an opportunity of seeing the members of the Royal Family, together with some choice specimens of the democracy, in the circular room of the White House. It was the Christmas reception and the latching in the shape of a handsome negro was 'outside the door.' On entering I found a comfortable roomful with a little man, who would have been taken in any other place for a Methodist parson, standing before the fire, bowing and shaking hands in the most precise and indiscriminate manner. He is affable and ordinary enough in conversation to prevent one from feeling that he is in direct communication with the majesty of the whole United States and Territories. Mr. Polk is not a man to inspire awe.

But quite unruffled and serene in her own piety, Mrs. Hayes proceeded with the distribution of not less than 40 turkeys to Washington poor, sent flowers for the altar of her church, and triumphed a tree for the children of the Cabinet circle. It was after one of Fanny Hayes' Christmas parties that a guest from Cincinnati, Miss Helen Herron, announced her ambition to return to the White House as the wife of a President, and she did, as Mrs. William Howard Taft.

The fact that the Cleveland had three young children brought a flood of Christmas remembrances of the widest variety from all parts of the world. The McKinleys had no children, though Mrs. McKinley delighted in knitting for the children of others at Christmas, and there was a hiatus of the noise of children which proved the lull before the advent of the large Roosevelt family in the early part of this century.

The many and varied escapades of the ebullient scions of T. R. are vividly remembered by Washingtonians generally and White House attaches in particular, and it was inevitable that Christmases then were

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SANTA CLAUS' ADDRESS

By T. MORRIS LONGSTRETH

The Story of a Girl Who Had Been So Busy Helping Her Friends to Marry That She Almost Forgot About Herself.

JANET MILLAN had a recognized ability for running things and she hated it. Janet was already 25, and at 25 in Newark, Tenn., the shades of spinsterhood were thought to be descending. She was too sensible to be downright scared—perhaps the most dangerous symptom of all. But as she helped marry off her friends, the charming and unpracticable debutantes who depended upon her to see that everything was carried off correctly, Janet's composure wore thinner and thinner. One evening at a full dress rehearsal of a young child's triumph, Janet overheard an under remark to a bridesmaid, "But the boss is still left. Why don't we ever do this for her?"

And the bridesmaid had carelessly replied, "Oh, Janet? She'd rather be fixing around for some one else. She's funny that way. I don't reckon Janet ever will get married now."

That "now" had given the jolt. Janet had smiled through the rest of the evening with a haggard courage, but in a sleepless bed she formulated a new efficiency with a steely heart. If she could not assist herself to a wedding, at least she was through assisting others.

When the letter from Mrs. Kempis, her married sister, arrived two days later, Janet was secretly relieved. Being helpless was not only difficult but a bore. Then, just as if God was really anxious to help out, had come word from her sister saying that she was threatened with a serious illness, and would Janet be willing to come to Borderville and relieve her of household cares for a while?

Of course, Janet, the letter went on, you must not get up too high hopes of this place. Borderville is just a Canadian cow town, and if you came it would probably be for the winter. Nor can we offer you much in the way of men, dear. Travel is awkward in the cold weather, though the mounted policeman from Coultis comes through occasionally, a nice boy, though of rather different antecedents; and some of Arthur's ranching friends drop in from time to time. Yet the novelty of this existence would amuse you, and Babs is such a lively little girl that your coming would take a load from our minds. Besides, Babs naturally wants to make the acquaintance of her unknown aunt. But, as usual, dear, we leave the decision to you.

Janet's instant acquiescence was won by the fact that Borderville, Alberta, was so far away that no local map or station agent could comprehend it. New skies, new chances. If she could not be the spoiled darling at home, perhaps she could begin over again, among the cowboys. Her sister, she resolved, would find her sadly changed. From now on she was to be a butterfly.

But it is one thing to resolve; it is quite another to reverse one's lifetime practice. Janet had not been at the Kempis ranch a week before she discovered to her horror that she had mastered the more obvious novelties and had become an adjunct. This weakness was not strictly her fault, for she had found conditions in her sister's home calling out to the very heart of her. Drought had burned out the season's profit, beef was down, her sister—the doctor said—might not recover unless she could enjoy a setting-up season in Arizona, and Babs, lacking a mother, certainly needed an aunt. Janet had to be temporarily able, since Mr. Kempis, strong and ready for his own work, could not be expected to handle the additional exactions. Janet performed well.

The girl soon had the domestic end of things running so smoothly that she and Babs could spend most of the daylight driving about the country. While the cowboys were less romantic than she expected, Janet found herself inquiring into their histories. Their improvidence appealed to her as rather charming and as something tactfully correct. Men, she knew, were not really happiest uncared for. The mounted policeman mentioned in her sister's letter had been transferred, and in his stead had come a youth two or three years Babs's junior, unremarkable in looks or deportment, something of an unspoken blow to her.

I can't answer your questions, Doris, dear, she had written back to Tennessee, because there are no mounties in Borderville and the constable who has called twice on Business—well it with a capital here—has twice ridden away without falling in love with me, or even getting introduced. His home, which is aptly called a detachment, is in the neighboring village of Coultis, and that neighboring village is 17 prairie miles away. So I can not run in, as you suggest, and deliver your message. He is not at all like the mounty in the book you gave me, and I doubt if any of them are. But I shall obey your injunctions if I ever meet one.

At present Babs is my be-all and end-all, my cosmos. She is adorable, with blue eyes that will some day drive men irresponsible and quite mad.

Just at present we are preparing for Santa Claus' visit. As my sister is in the South, I have to oversee everything in the line of festivity. Fortunately, Santa Claus is easy to believe in here with Christmas trees growing in every corner and reindeer straying occasionally from the national park. As I write I notice that Babs is trying to see how far she can tilt the ink without spilling. . . .

"Babs, dear," called Janet, "do be careful, precious."

The little girl obeyed. With a gust of irritation Janet recognized that authority in her voice, that carefully controlled command. Could she never rise above competence? Never give way and be taken in hand by some one else? She was just too dreadfully efficient. Even Babs, she divined, thought her incapable of failure. Certainly the child's quaint demands were full of such a faith. What was she asking now?

"Yes, dear," Janet replied rather sharply, "write to him if you wish."

"But you write, too," coaxed Babs.

"I don't want to."

"Babs' eyes widened in hurt surprise. Her aunt was never like her mother, impatient. "You don't want to ask Santa Claus to bring you anything?" she exclaimed. "Then I guess I won't."

"O, yes we both will," said Janet quickly, ashamed of her lapse. "Write down everything

You want, sweetheart, and so will I, and we can mail both letters tomorrow. Be good and still now and let Aunt Janet think."

Aunt Janet looked out of the window to think. What should she ask Santa? What could she reasonably expect him to bring? Ah, there it was again, reason. Detestable! She took up a pen.

Dear Santa: If you have the time and can find Borderville, I have a few suggestions to make for our Christmas here. For my sister, a large package of Polar health. For Babs, a book containing answers to all the questions that she will ask next year. For my brother-in-law, one season of suitable weather. Personally, a one-way ticket to Tennessee would be most satisfactory, and then, my esteemed Santa, you might bring me a caretaker, if you have one in stock, a brutal master if necessary, but in any event somebody who will regard me as helpless, inefficient, and unable to look after myself for ever and ever. He should, by the way, be fairly tall and strong and, if possible, slender. Dark hair is desirable, and I rather demand good teeth, but he must be able to talk about something besides the crops. He—

Babs was interrupting again. "You read yours now, Aunt Janet. Why are your cheeks all red like that?"

"It's warm in here, sweetheart. You read yours first."

"That's the way of looking at it," said Endicott; "you and me'll have that patrol around this damned island yet just the same, I don't trust you."

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"They might just naturally fall into the scrap-basket,"

"Hell, no! Mail's sacred. The postoffice has to do its best by every place and its best, in this case, is to pass the buck to us," Covington was glancing at the children's requests and a grin disclosed white teeth. "Here's a kid I'd damn well like to oblige," he said. "Listen, 'first, please bring me two little dogs, the hairy kind. Second, please bring me a doll with black eyes. It can be a grown-up doll because I am not quite a little girl any more. Please bring mama some roses for her cheeks, only she might not like them so red as yours, and papa wants calves, I think. And please bring Aunt Janet a man like the man she saw in Coultis. He was a mounty in a red coat. I hope you will not forget this list. Your loving friend,

BABS KEMPIS.

P. S.: If you haven't any little dogs, I'd like a baby reindeer."

"Why Babs, child!" exclaimed Janet, "where did you get that ridiculous idea about the mounty?"

"I don't know," said Babs, "it just came. You know what you said that day we went shopping in Coultis."

"I said that the mounties had a very attractive uniform, that was all."

"Maybe that was all you said," remarked the little girl, "but you thought more."

"Now, tell me, dear," said Janet, abruptly, "what is Santa Claus' address?"

Babs' eyes brightened. "I know that. It is Mr. Santa Claus, North Pole, Canada."

So Janet wrote that down and Babs gave the envelope to her favorite comboy to post.

Constable Covington lit another cigarette, and his glance moved from the pile of letters in front of the two men to the gray sea below the detachment where a ship rested among the ice pans like a larger gull. Covington knew that on her a nervous captain watched for the first sign of a hostile wind from the void of sunny night. This was the Boethius's farthest north, this mounted police detachment of Baché Peninsula, and a mere shifting of the eulien ice might shelve her on the beach to keep company forever with the drums of gasoline she had brought. But the men should have time to read their letters. Covington smiled at the litter of hastily opened parcels and gutted envelopes that blanketed the sides of the small room. Then his smile died as each detail of his two-year home plunged a fresh barb of nostalgia into his heart.

What, he thought, is the relationship between me and a water barrel? Why does a dog harness which I have cursed for twenty long months suddenly bring me almost to tears? He looked at his companions, Sergeant Eads, twenty years in the force, large boned, methodical, kind. Corporal Endicott, loud mouthed, as they had often thought, but full of life, good company. Covington cursed the new order which was compelling him to go outside for a year's freshening up. He lit another cigarette. The sergeant finished a letter and also glanced out the window toward the ship, then measuring what was left of the contents of a precious bottle of celebration into three, said, "Let's polish this off, fellows. There's a lot to do yet. To your quick return, Cov!"

"Here's to the first fortnight," said Endicott, lifting his glass.

"What's first?" inquired Eads.

"How in the hell does he know it's Lizzie or Lou?" said Endicott.

"Well, whichever it is," said the sergeant, "don't marry and settle down outside for God's sake."

"Did you ever catch me marrying?" asked Covington, quietly.

"You've never been caught at a lot of things,"

said Endicott, "but you're bound to slip some time. We're just offering this final brotherly advice."

"Well, you can turn over and go to sleep," said Covington. "I'm safe. I've inhaled so much of this damn pure frozen air I couldn't go wrong, and as for marriage, I'm not giving in marriage nor being given while I'm conscious. It may be tough luck for a lot of girls, but why in hell should I look at Dowdy there, in Medicine Hat, five kids on a constable's pay. Married life's just one baby carriage after another. Or if it isn't that, it's the movies every night with maybe a shooting gallery on Saturday afternoons. Hell, I'm 27. Why throw away three years if you don't have to?"

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Constable Covington, regarding the big girl and the little girl in chairs before his detachment stove. "I'll have to requisition for a few evening frocks if Penllow is going to nose out sleeping beauties at this rate. Are you warm yet?"

"Clear through," murmured Janet, dreamily. "It's good brandy and you were due for a dream. That wind was putting up a fair imitation of the arctic."

Janet said nothing. She did not want to break up this feeling into bits of conversation.

"I guess the little girl had better have them bottled."

She nodded and looked at Babs, muffled in the constable's flannel shirt. She herself was wearing his best scarlet serge while her own clothes dried. He was parsing potatoes, and she thought she could watch him forever as his postures melted from one to another, and all interpreting strength. To be helpless, to acknowledge helplessness to him, was a new happiness.

Babs, however, having been now toasted back to normal, felt the drag in conversation.

"Is this your home?" she asked of Covington.

"Sure it is, as far as I'm here. My home's wherever I feed my dogs."

"How did the big dog find you?" Babs asked.

"A sleep, little one. When I came out on our horses I knew there'd been trouble, but only Penllow could have found you snoozing in that cutbank."

"A sleep, did you say?" It was Janet's first direct question.

"Sound. But you couldn't have been gone long."

"Then—" and Janet nodded meaningly at Babs.

Covington returned the nod. "I get you. We fellows often argue about that, but nobody wants to try. The chances are you would have been drawing your celestial kit by now, harps, wings, everything. Sorry?"

Janet laughed. "This detachment's heaven enough for me."

"A better place to celebrate Christmas anyway."

"What are you talking about, Aunt Janet?"

"Nothing, dear."

Janet shivered as her mind pictured Babs lying in her arms a corpse. Perchance the searchers would have found herself in time. Then the homecoming of her sister, the crawling up from the abyss of failure. How had she succumbed to drowsiness?

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CHRISTMAS MAIL

By FANNIE HURST

If you had been postman on Donohue's beat for 35 years, you might better understand his attitude toward the season of peace on earth and good will toward men. To Donohue, and hundreds like him in the Postoffice Department of the large Middle West city, where so many years ago he had made his Civil Service requirements, Christmas was the tormenting season which began early in December and continued some time after the New Year.

When the first flurry of snow began to fly, Donohue could feel his spirits sag. A lump of dread began to form somewhere in his being and his arm pits start to ache as if in anticipation.

For 35 years Donohue had plowed through a cataclysm of Christmas postcards, greetings, packages, letters and hampers. He had seen the vogue for the Christmas card come in like a great and bellowing lion, roaring its way across the world: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Donohue hated Christmas. It was a period of torture to him.

He staggered along until his fatigue made his eyeballs and his very heart strain. Ice formed on his face and his bones stiffened. Housewives opened their doors just a inch, so that he had to poke the letters in one by one, so cold and blustering could the month of Yuletide be.

Donohue was something of a character on his beat. Families had lived two and three generations in the old houses that bordered the street on which Donohue made his rounds. Frequently, on the more blustering days, housewives invited him in for a cup of coffee or, when the heat blistered, for a glass of iced tea. He had seen children on his rounds grow up and have children of their own. Life marched on around Donohue. But, except for the passing of the years, life went on for him at its monotonous pace.

There was something of the querulous old bachelor about Donohue, although people said of him that his bark was worse than his bite. He considered it a felony that two could live as cheaply as one and had never married. He lived in a two-room frame house on the edge of the more fashionable district, where he distributed mail. He owned a cat and a small blind turtle. His needs were almost as simple as theirs. A place to sleep and enough to eat.

Once in a while, Mrs. Bodoy also lived on the unfashionable edge of Donohue's little do-beat. She came over of her own volition and gave him place what she called a "thorough cleaning." Donohue was grateful for this, and if there were mail for Mrs. Bodoy, he made it a point to deliver it first even if it meant a great deal of retracing of his steps, which was more than he would do for the less-favored ones of his little community.



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There was tragedy in Mrs. Bodoy's life and Donohue, who knew all the tragedies of his district, knew hers more intimately than any

of the others. Mrs. Bodoy's little girl named Eda, whom Donohue had seen grow up out of her mother's arms, had "gone wrong," as the

saying goes. There had been a sharp neighborhood scandal and little Eda, who was 16 at the time and had a cropped yellow head of ringlets,

had disappeared. Once in a while a letter came from her with a New York postmark, addressed in her unmistakable angular handwriting, to her mother.

Those were the mornings on which Donohue went blocks out of his way to deliver her mail first. For three Christmases Eda had been promising to come home. She never arrived. Mrs. Bodoy, with a voice full of sobs, used to confide to Donohue that Eda was afraid to come home. Public opinion, social ostracism, fear of the snuggles of old-time friends. So Mrs. Bodoy, who was a narrow, brown little widow, continued to live in her narrow, brown little house, hoping against hope while Christmas after Christmas roared in, and Donohue, whose bark was getting rounder and a little more bent and terribly susceptible to the weight of his mail bag, continued to plow through the knee-high snowdrifts and the ankle-deep puddles.

Now, part of his dread of the Christmas season began to be his dread of what he felt sure was to be Mrs. Bodoy's annual disappointments. For months before, as he brought her the letters written in the angular hand of Eda, her spirits began to soar. Mrs. Bodoy had so long ago forgiven. Secretly, in spite of the hopeful tones with which she confided the contents of these letters to Donohue, the old mailman felt that Eda would never return. The great young bird had flown away and the little brown Mrs. Bodoy sat in her little brown house with crumbs in her hand, figuratively speaking, trying to tempt her back. Eda was too worldly now; too scornful or too afraid of public opinion back home.

The thirty-sixth winter of Donohue's service was the coldest he had ever seen. As early as November the trees around the old family streets of his beat were incased in an armor of ice; housewives had to come out on their verandas with a pan of ice cream and sprinkle it on the steps before he could mount them with his burden of holiday cheer. Great ice lumps hung from Donohue's mustache. The Christmas crucifixion was upon him and his heart strained and his eyeballs strained and peace on earth, good will toward man lay heavily upon his back.

That was the Christmas that Eda's letters came more frequently and with more and more assurances and promises of her plan to spend the holidays with her mother. Donohue, who could be grouchy when asked to hurry with his mail deliveries, willingly went the five icy blocks out of his way to deliver her letters to Mrs. Bodoy because that year it seemed to Donohue that Mrs. Bodoy was falling. Her narrow shoulders seemed to want to meet in front and close like a book. Sometimes, when she opened the door for him, the icy blast almost knocked her backward. Donohue had seen many similar faces suddenly disappear from his beat as death moved them down.

For thirty-five years the Bodoy, even during the lifetime of Fred Bodoy, who had been a book-crazy, had been Donohue's best friends on the beat.

In his grouchy old way, Donohue desperately wanted Eda home for Christmas. Every year she sent him a \$5 bill. Most of the families on his beat remembered him in some such way. Money. Neckties. Mufflers. Donohue once counted his. He had 127.

Christmas in the little two-room house of Donohue was a wilderness of such inconsequential offerings. When he was not too cold and too tired and too sick at heart with the long, hard Christmas season, they brought cheer to him, these little evidences of the consideration and the friendliness of the people whom he served. But usually he was too "dog-tired" to have much capacity left for these things of cheer. The sight of a Christmas wreath in a window was anathema to him. The rignamole of mistletoe, of Christmas card, of red satin ribbon, or red paper bell, of Christmas tree decorated with tinsel, of plum puddings that weighed his back so cruelly was unbearable.

Donohue hated Christmas. On the day itself, he drew his shades, put the paraphernalia of the neckties, mufflers and shoe-trees well out of sight and tried to forget it was Christmas. Most of the time he did, dozing pleasantly beside his cat and his turtle, his aching feet on the tender of the stove, Christmas locked out.

On the day before the Christmas of his thirty-sixth year, Donohue, who had a letter for Mrs. Bodoy, rang her front bell three successive times. There was no answer and so he went around to the side. There in the kitchen, seated in her little rocking chair beside a small, old-fashioned, head slightly forward, just as if she were dozing, was Mrs. Bodoy.

But Mrs. Bodoy was dead. She must have seated herself because of a sudden pain that had struck her. Standing beside her, Donohue took it upon himself to read the letter from Eda that he was to deliver to Mrs. Bodoy.

It announced her arrival Christmas morning. Donohue met the train. She was so pretty. She stepped off like a bird with a little pecking motion of her head which he remembered.

It broke his heart to go forward and greet her.

It is the thirty-eighth Christmas of Donohue's service and his two-room house, as he turns his aching feet toward it, looks as absurd to him as a birthday cake. There are red paper bells in every window and Eda, irrepressible rogue, has decked out the front door knob in red ribbon, and there is a Christmas tree in the window, freighted with nonsense.

To add to his burden, hasn't the ridiculous child sent him 38 Christmas cards, one for each year of service! Donohue has seen the little bird also had to lug it, was a four-pound plum pudding, inscribed with all kinds of funny little nonsense-sayings.

You just can't shut Christmas out of Donohue's house any longer—Eda is there.

TOM DINKLE'S VISIT TO SANTA CLAUS

A Christmas Fantasy for Youngsters From 6 to 60, With Something of Value in It for Them Both.

By MRS. F. B. MORAN.

ONCE upon a time there lived on the outskirts of Boston a boy named Tom. Dick and Harry. Although they were very poor, they did manage to get along, for mother Dinkle's boys often gave him a little help in one way or another. It was Christmas eve, and the snow lay two feet deep out of doors, whilst the frosty winds seemed to be snapping their stiff fingers at the poor, as they blew over its frozen surface. Mother Dinkle threw another stick on her scanty fire to make it more cheerful for the boys while they spread out their thirty little, naked, red toes to the blaze. "I wonder if old Santa Claus will be here tonight," said Dick, as he picked up a chip from the clean floor and threw it into the blaze. "He won't bring us nothing if he do," grumbled Tom, the eldest of the three boys, who was not in a very good humor.

"You'd better shut up, Tom," whispered little Harry as he nodded his curly head in the direction of the chimney, "or he'll hear you, and then he won't bring you nothing sure an' certain."

"Come boys, come," rang out the cheerful voice of Mother Dinkle, who was busy spreading out a nice supper of hot potatoes and brown bread on the little deal table in the center of the floor. "Santa Claus ain't never forgot you yet, and he ain't agoin' to do it tonight."

"But he don't never bring us no hobbys-horses, no carts, no skates, no wagons, no such like. He carries 'em to rich folks' houses," mumbled Tom. "Now Tom," said mother Dinkle, with a tear glittering in her eye, for she loved these boys dearly, and would have liked them to have everything they wanted, "do you grumble." Old Santa Claus knows what he's about. He's a good fellow, bringing you no skates, chile, when he knows you wants a pair of shoes; and he ain't agoin' to bring you no cart, when you ain't got no jacket on your back."

"Well," cried Dick, cheerfully, as he seated himself on the right of his mother at the table, whilst Tom took the foot, "we is got what no Santa Claus can't bring us. We is got a good mother as works hard for us, and we ought to be ashamed to grumble." Mother Dinkle set down her cup of coffee, and gave Dick a hug, while she swallowed a sob that came right choking her, and said: "Come, my boys, eat your good, hot supper and thank God for that! Some of these days yer might be rich folks' selves, an' then how would you like to see all the poor children in the chimney corners 'busing of yer, an' envious of yer.'"

A hot potato and a chunk of brown bread soon restored Tom to cheerfulness. He began to tell the boys that he was going to work hard and get them all a fine house to live in. In a little while the scanty supply of wood burnt out, and Mother Dinkle hurried her boys to bed, where they could keep snug and warm 'til morning. Tom wanted to be the first to get up in the morning, so he sneaked under the cover with his clothes on. Later, Mother Dinkle folded up her patchwork and came to look at the boys before she went to her own little cot. Tom was not asleep, for he had determined to stay awake all night to see old Santa Claus, although he had been told that he was old and ugly, and that was the reason why he came out at night when the little ones were asleep in their beds and could not laugh at him. Now, Tom's eyes were closed, but he blinked a little when the light from his mother's tallow candle reached down under the covers and flared into his face. Mother Dinkle sighed when she kissed Tom's forehead and said aloud: "I hope he'll be a good un when he grows up, an' I won't want fur nothin' then."

Tom laid awake all night, and just as he was beginning to think old Santa Claus had forgotten all about them, he heard something crawling gently down the inside of the chimney. Tom raised himself on his pillow, and fixed his two little black eyes on the fireplace. He was frightened almost to death, the perspiration stood out in great drops on his forehead, and his eyes looked like two burning coals of fire.

He wished, now, he had gone to sleep as the other boys had done. Presently a big fur cap darted down the chimney; two great, gloved hands were flung out on the floor, and Santa Claus was in the room. Just as he had finished stuffing Dick's and Harry's stockings, and was about to cross the fireplace to where Tom's hung, he glanced toward the bed. Instantly, Tom jumped down under the cover, but it was too late, for Santa Claus had seen him. He moved to the bedside, and putting on a great hat over Tom's head, so that he could make no noise and walk

up the other boys, he snapped him out of his nice, warm bed and put him in the pocket of his great fur overcoat. Then he sped up the chimney just as the clock struck four. Having finished all his visits to the stockings of the little children down on the earth, he whipped up the reindeer and fled back to Snow Land.

Tom was frightened almost to death, but as he had been awake all night and was very tired, he soon fell asleep in that snug little place. When he awoke, Santa Claus was taking him out of his pocket. "A yer goin' to kill me," blubbered out poor little Tom, as he rubbed both eyes with his fists and trembled in every limb.

"Oh, no!" said old Santa Claus, with a smile on his cheerful face, "I love little children dearly. I don't like them to look at me, however, because I am round and ugly; so when they stay awake on Christmas eve and see my face, I always bring them back with me to my Ice Castle and teach them how to love me in spite of my ugliness."

As soon as Tom found that Santa Claus was not going to devour him he began to look around at his new home. The palace was built of ice, and the furniture was made of snow and ice. He began to shiver, and Santa Claus went up to a little table and tapped the bell with an icicle. Immediately a beautiful lady appeared, who, Santa Claus said, was his wife. She kissed Tom on his forehead and then touched him with her wand: instantly his little patched clothes flew away, and he was dressed in a nice, warm bearskin suit which fitted him beautifully. Skyola, for that was the name of Santa Claus' wife, told Tom that he had better go to bed and sleep till daylight. Even Tom's bed was made of snow, and with a nice, little, round hole at the top, into which he crawled and was soon snoring. He dreamed of his mother and the boys and waked up crying—but old Santa Claus told him that after breakfast he would give him a nice ride with the reindeer. Then Tom began to smile again. Skyola gave him a seat by her side at the table

and poured out some bear's oil in a cup for him to drink; then Santa Claus pushed him the bowl of deer's milk and bade him help himself. Tom did not relish the breakfast at all and almost cried when he remembered the nice, hot potatoes and brown bread that he had for supper the night before. However, when he got into the sleigh and saw Prancer and Dancer flash off, like a streak of lightning, over the frozen snow, he felt quite happy again.

Santa Claus took him first to his poultry yard, which was kept by a nice little fairy, called Zephyr. Here he saw the biggest hens, roosters, turkeys, geese and ducks he had ever seen in all his life. He could stand under the fowl, and the top of his head could not reach to their bills. Zephyr touched the roosters with her wand, instantly they crowed, and sugar plums fell from their beaks—the ducks quacked, and long sticks of peppermint candy fell from their bills; the geese cackled, and chocolate drops laid in heaps on the ground.

Zephyr told Tom not to be afraid of these queer fowls, that they would never hurt any one, but that he must be careful not to touch them, for they would supply the stockings of all the dear little children down on the earth. As Zephyr led Tom to her henhouse, she told him that he must not think her hens ugly, for they did their work for him, and she opened the door of a nice little building and they entered—here were rows of pretty nests, all made of snow and heaped up with beautiful candy eggs of every color. Tom begged for one, but old Santa Claus shook his head and said, "All of these candies were made for the little children on the earth, that are satisfied with my gifts without looking at my face." Tom looked troubled and wondered if Santa Claus had heard him on Christmas night. Zephyr whispered, "We are going to send a lot of these pretty candies to the children of a poor widow, called Dinkle, who lives on the outskirts of Boston town." "Why, she's my mother," cried Tom with surprise, "and I want to see her, too."

He sighed with tears in his eyes. Zephyr did not intend to let Tom cry, so she took him to her dove cot—here the doves, as if by magic, as they were male birds, and as they were kept quite busy rolling them up in little kits veries. Tom laughed till he cried, and he saw the little bird laying out their kits veries on the snow, tumbling the kisses into them with their tiny beaks and then rolling them up carefully.

"Now, Tom," said Zephyr, "we will go down to the pond where the black frogs live." The banks of the pond were strewn with bunches of switches—here were immense black frogs with big green eyes, and when Zephyr touched them with her wand they croaked, and great bunches of switches fell out of their ugly mouths. Tom did not like this at all, and stepped back with a very rueful countenance till Zephyr whispered, "These switches are to be sent next Christmas to the stockings of all the dear children." Then old Santa Claus took Tom to his storehouse which was kept by a little boy, named Hall. He was a very fat boy, with a very red face, and Tom thought he would like to have a game of snowball with him; but Santa Claus said it was growing late and he was obliged to hurry over to his blacksmith shop. Then he took Tom into the store to show him his pretty things. The shelves were loaded with everything that could be made out of sugar, and there were roosters, hens, sheep, horses, lambs and rabbits, indeed, everything that a little boy or girl could possibly want. Santa Claus hurried Tom away, so he shook hands with Hall and begged him to come to see him.

The blacksmith shop was kept by an old giant, called Bloody Pete. Santa Claus did not like him at all, but he was obliged to keep him, for he could not get any one else to do his work so well. They drew up in front of the smithy, and Santa Claus threw his reins over a tree near the door and went in to his blacksmith shop. Then he took Tom into the store to show him his pretty things. The shelves were loaded with everything that could be made out of sugar, and there were roosters, hens, sheep, horses, lambs and rabbits, indeed, everything that a little boy or girl could possibly want. Santa Claus hurried Tom away, so he shook hands with Hall and begged him to come to see him.

To preserve and conserve all desirable American wild life, including birds, animals, flowers, trees and other living things; also the natural beauty spots and scenic wonders of all America.

Meetings every Wednesday night through Station WBZ at 7:30, Eastern Standard Time.

IN a certain town in Vermont for a period of two years previous to last October, there lived one of those partridges, or grouse, which from time to time, for some unaccountable reason, establish friendly relations with mankind. This grouse was called "Pet" and his headquarters were in the woods immediately adjacent to a cemetery. The bird was the pet of the cemetery workmen and inmates of the city farm. It was fed regularly by them. Each morning at 7 o'clock the bird appeared in the cemetery ready for the day's work. All day long he would walk behind a lawn mower or ride about on the seat of a truck. He observed another deer—this time a big doe—when he was coming in from the woods, and he would sit on a shoulder of any of the workmen and eat from the hand.

Early last October, while the cemetery employees were waiting for a funeral to arrive, they heard a shot at the edge of the woods. They made for the spot and were just in time to catch two boys and a gun, but were too late to save the bird. The boys admitted that they knew the partridge was a tame one, but thought that they had a right to shoot it because it was a game bird. Of course, the boys could have been dealt with at the hands of the law, but instead they were turned over to the parental hands, and parental justice taught them a lesson they will not soon forget. As a part of their punishment, the gun was taken away from them, and they were informed that their hunting days were over as long as they could not be sportsmen.

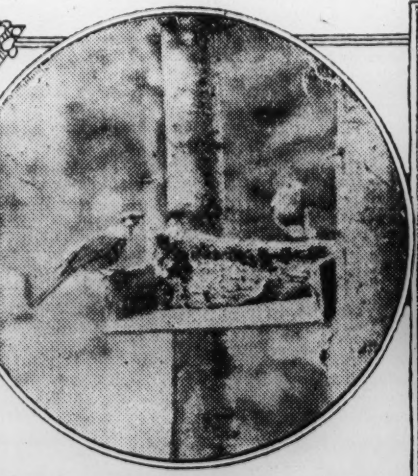
This incident focuses attention on the subject of boys and guns. Guns in the hands of boys—and when I say guns, I include the pernicious air rifle—are responsible for a tremendous destruction of birds and small animals in this country. They are responsible for the injury and suffering of an infinitely greater number. No boy should be allowed a gun of any description in his hands until he has been thoroughly taught the ethics of fair play and true sportsmanship, as well as how to handle properly the dangerous weapon.

A Mutual Surprise. An acquaintance of mine went out for hunting this fall. He had seated himself on a tussock of grass on a mountainside, where was a run frequently used by foxes. He had waited half an hour without hearing a sound and was just about to give up when in the distance he heard two dogs. His point of vantage allowed him an unobstructed view for a long distance along the mountain, where woodland and pasture met. A moving reddish spot some half a mile away caught his attention. His first thought was that it was the fox he was waiting for. Then he recognized it as a small deer. It was evident that it had been started by the dogs.

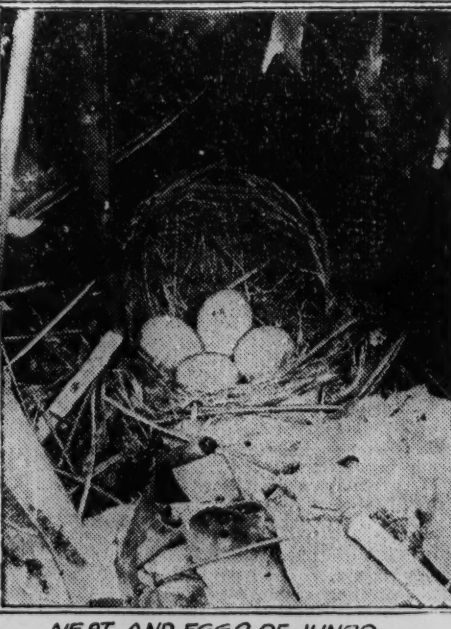
The deer was coming in his direction. He watched it bound along, enter a brook, wade for a distance, then come out on the same side and continue its flight. Now a barbed wire fence divided the pasture where the deer was from the woods where the fox hunter was waiting. The deer came up to this fence, turned and ran parallel with it. When exactly opposite where the hunter sat, the deer abruptly turned at right angles and leaped the fence. As the deer left the ground the hunter bounded to his feet. He realized that he had remained quiet the deer would have landed on him. As it was, the little animal landed exactly in front of him as he stepped back. It had not seen him until that instant. He fairly lost his breath with the sudden fright. Then the hunter put out a hand and touched him and he bounded away with frantic leaps.

It occurred at once to the fox hunter that he should wait for those dogs to come up and pull them off the trail. Running of deer by dogs is illegal in that State, as it should be everywhere. So he sat down to wait once more. Presently he observed another deer—this time a big doe—when he was coming in from the woods at the point where he had first seen the little buck and seemingly follow the latter's trail.

A Fox in the Wood. A superb black animal in the pocket gopher.



CANADA JAY AT FEEDING STATION. PHOTO BY K. F. LEE.



NEPT AND EGGS OF JUNCO PHOTO BY ALFRED G. GROSS.



POCKET GOPHER. PHOTO BY LEWIS W. WALKER.

One of the East know nothing about it. But the farmer and the rancher of the Far West can and will tell you plenty. He is a rodent about the size of a rat and living the life of a mole—can

ceadly active mole—who delights in dotting the landscape with mounds of freshly turned earth. He is disliked by the farmer for two reasons. One is that he is exceedingly destructive to

the other is that these mounds he is continually throwing up not only destroy vegetation on the immediate spot, but interfere with cultivating and harvesting machinery. One of these mounds will contain about a third of a bushel of earth. Occasionally mounds containing seven or eight bushels of earth have been found. The mounds of having seen fifteen fair-sized hills thrown up within 24 hours, apparently by a single gopher. Scattered with them were 32 so recently thrown up that they had a gamey smell. The exterior was dry. The aggregate of these 47 hills, thrown up in two days, was not less than 26 bushels of earth. That gives an idea of the activity of these little animals. It is the wonder that the farmer hates them. On the other hand, undoubtedly the farmer is obligated to them to an extent he little dreams of, for their activities in past centuries. They have been a wonderful factor in continually turning over the soil of the fertile prairie regions. Thus the surface vegetation is turned in and worked over and thoroughly mixed with the soil, producing fertility.

The pocket gopher gets its name from two large pockets—one on either side of the head. These cheek pockets extend well back and they can open outside the mouth. Furthermore, they are fur-lined. They are used for carrying roots and other forage. The food is stuffed into the pockets by means of the paws. It was long supposed, and I presume it is supposed by many now, that these pockets were used for carrying the soil out on the mounds. This is not true, however, according to Seton, who says that the soil is pushed out, not carried out. Because of its underground life, the gopher is rather difficult to control. Ovis and weasels are his chief enemies. It frequently comes out on the surface after sunset and at that time may fall a victim to an owl.

An Insulted Bird.

Some years ago as I was busy making preparations for the night in my camp in the Adirondacks, I met for the first time the Canada Jay, or Moose Bird, or Whiskey Jack, whichever you please. He was not bashful. He appeared as I was cooking an early supper and he unhesitatingly helped himself to such scraps as he could find about the fireplace, boldly coming to within three feet. After supper the dishes were properly washed and the soap was put one side on a log.

A hoarse note drew my attention and there was a world of disgust in that note. I discovered that whiskey Jack had sampled the soap, which was more or less soft from having been in the water for some time. He didn't like that soap. He water it extremely evident. I have always been rather glad that I did not understand the Jay language. I suspect that he said many picturesque, vivid and unkind things about me. He would fly to a limb, indignantly wipe off his bill, say something to me, fly to another limb and do it all over again. Never have I seen a more vivid picture of outraged indignation.

A Naturalist's Question Box.

R. D. McLoughlin wants to know to what family the katydid belongs.

It belongs to the locust family and therefore is a relative of the grasshopper. There are several species of katydids in the United States. Mrs. Leonard I. Colt says that she found the tail of a little animal, evidently killed by a cat. This tail was three or four inches in length, quite broad at the base and exceedingly soft being thickly furrowed with fine hair. She asks if I know of any little animal that has such a tail.

Yes, beyond a doubt it is a flying squirrel.

Tom did not like the song any better than the man, so he thought he would talk a little to keep him from singing.

"Don't you have nothin' to eat up here but bear's oil and cracked ice?" inquired Tom, tremblingly. "Oh, yes," said Bloody Pete, stopping short in a song. "When I want anything to eat, I takes a boy by the heels, just so." Here he turned Tom over on his head and held him by his feet, "and I hangs him over the fire, 's he screams, and old Santa Claus ran into the room. He was very angry, and struck Bloody Pete over the head with his ice cane. Then he put Tom in his pocket and started for home. As they were eating supper that night Tom ventured to ask Bloody Pete, "What makes you bury all the boys by old Bloody Pete's fireplace?" Santa Claus laughed till he cried, and then told him he must believe all the nonsense Bloody Pete talked about. Skyola said that these little graves, only buried the pressed and dried leaves intended for the little children that died before Christmas came. Tom thought of a little blue-eyed sister that had died last Christmas, and was silent. Tom Dinkle had been nearly a year in Snow Land; he had visited all the tin-shops, foundries, tailor shops, mantle-makers and upholsterers located there, and it was the night before Christmas again. Tom heard Santa Claus get up to get everything in readiness for him to go down to the earth on Christmas Eve, and also heard him say to her, "I am going to take Tom along with me to hold the reindeer." He gave Zephyr a peculiar smile—while Tom danced for joy.

After they had visited all of the chimneys in Boston, they came to widow Dinkle's cottage. Tom was left in care of the reindeer as usual, and just as he saw old Santa Claus turn a summer set into the chimney he began to think this house looked very much like his old home. "Oh, how I would like to see my dear mother and the boys!" he thought; he threw the reins quickly over the chimney top and scrambled down to the edge of the roof. Yes, it was his old dear home again—there was the old stable opposite, and the lamp

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SANTA CLAUS' LEAGUE OF NATIONS



Christmas in the Foreign Embassies at Washington, D. C., a Colorful Occasion, When the Children of Many Foreign Climes Indulge in the Customs of Their Home Lands and Parents Unite in Acclaim of "The Babe of Bethlehem"

Mme. Edgar L. G. Prochnik, wife of the Austrian Minister, with her four children before their Christmas tree in Washington.

In every spot where foreign feet may roam, Dear Christmas still speaks to them of home.

TIME was not so long ago when the foreign ambassadors and their families at Washington rendered a colorful note to public gatherings by wearing their native dress. The Chinese and Japanese Legations sported their gorgeous Oriental costumes in capital social circles and frequently on the street; the Egyptian and Turkish delegates were distinguishable by their head-dresses, while other representatives were identified with the country that they served in the United States by some national characteristics in their attire.

But now all of that is changed. Save on unusual and exclusive occasions, the outward appearance of the 50 governments represented at the capital of the United States is thoroughly Anglicized.

However, once let the doors of the imposing mansions known as the embassies be closed upon the Western World, and life assumes an intimate and homelike aspect to the family therein. For the foreign world of America is then shut out and they are in truth upon their own territory.

The embassies and legations are veritably so many plots of foreign soil dotted around under the shadow of the great white dome on Capitol Hill, for they are subject to no American law and absorb very few American customs. At no season of the year are these homes so much given over to native customs as at Christmas, and as a large percentage of the embassies are blessed with younger children, the observance of the day is especially significant. For Christmas, whether it comes to the sandy, sun-drenched shores of a tropical island or the frozen beauty of the Far North, has come to mean—aside from its religious aspect—a tribute to the beautiful faith, the radiant expectancy of childhood. Whether it is ushered in with solemnity or hilarious gaiety, it speaks of the homeland to hearts far from home. Affairs are for the time forgotten, red tape laid aside and childhood reigns supreme—a reflection in part of the humblest cottages scattered throughout the "old country."

Therefore, to peep behind the curtains of the embassies is to make a pilgrimage to many lands at the most blessed season of the year.

While there are no children at the British Embassy, where Sir and Lady Esme Howard hold forth, there are a number in the families attached to the legation, and the famous English Christmas spirit is rampant among them as the season is ushered in. These English homes become once again the Merry England immortalized in song and story, and with the bringing in of

the Yule log comes legends handed down for hundreds of years and carols which are as much a part of an English Christmas as the putting of a pudding on the board. The board's head brought in on a silver platter may now be a thing of the past save in the most ancient of the English baronial halls, but the "flowing bowl" is still present and master, mistress, maid and butler make "merry" and rosy-cheeked children hang up stockings of English yarn and kiss each other under mistletoe, often from the great forests in which the Druids once worshipped. The day, of course, is properly observed by attendance at church services.

ALTHOUGH the Christmas tree is a main feature of the festivities of many countries, it sees, perhaps, its greatest glorification in Germany. Marisa, the 5-year-old daughter of Herr von Prittwitz, the German Ambassador, will probably have not one but several Christmas trees erected in different parts of the house, for in German households the scintillating pyramid of light and color is the symbol of Christmas joy. In no country in the world are the trees used by so many people as in Germany, and no peasant is so poor nor no baron so elevated that trees elaborately decorated and lighted do not shine forth from every window. The giving of gifts



Mlle. Reine Claudel, daughter of the Ambassador from France.



Marisa von Prittwitz, daughter of the German Ambassador.



Julia, the daughter of Signor Fernando Cuniberti, of the Italian Embassy, as a little maid of Rome.

Little John Simopoulos, son of the Minister from Greece, in his native dress.

While the deep spiritual significance of the day is paramount in the French household, it is plentifully mixed with festivity.

The French "bûche de Noël," or Yule log, made of oak, is a feature of the French celebration of Christmas, and if it is cut at midnight good luck, say the peasants, will follow during the year. Christmas trees are becoming more and more used in France, where they were formerly unknown, but the real feature of Christmas decoration is the "crèche" or manger scene, the erecting of which provides an absorbing occupation for the children. Moss and lichen and twigs gathered from the woods and tiny carved figures are arranged to tell the old, old story, and always there is a great golden star, called the Christmas lamp. The whole scene is placed on a platform or table and lighted with myriads of tiny candles, which provide a beautiful and shining station before which presents are placed. And that shrouded visit taken place in the French household is the "Noël," or the feast of the "Noël" is celebrated after the midnight mass of Christmas Eve, and festivities are continued from that time until the Feast of the Kings, on January 6.

might be said to have originated largely in Germany, and under the skilled fingers of old toy masters brought up in their trade, there blossoms forth an array of toys as beautiful as they are unique and durable. A stocking hung by the chimney with care would have no special significance to little Marisa of the German Embassy, but a Christmas tree all dressed and awaiting the visit of St. Nicholas, and they will travel miles to be together. No embassy in the list at Washington has numbered more visitors from "home folks" than has the German Embassy in the year past.

What play pudding is to the English Christmas, "pfefferkuchen," or pepper cake, is to the Christmas of the Germans. Along with other Christmas dishes, one might find "carp cooked in beer" and "mohlpfeifen," an East Prussian dish composed of poppy seed, white bread, almonds and raisins stewed in milk.

Reine, the young daughter of Paul Claudel, Ambassador from France, is not so old that she has forgotten the radiant Christmas of her childhood.

MIDNIGHT may find a world of hostery awaiting for Santa Claus in English-speaking countries, but in Holland as well as France the shoes provide the receptacles for the generosity of St. Nicholas. And that shrouded visit taken place nearly three weeks before that of the American Santa Claus, as December 6, the birthday of St. Nicholas, sees the real festivities in Holland. On that day 8-year-old Baroness Margaretha van Rooy, daughter of the Secretary of the Netherlands Legation in Washington, together with her younger sister, will carefully fill a wooden shoe with straw and place it where it will not fall to catch the beneficent eye of St. Nick. A wee Christmas tree may grace a stable or stand, but the real Christmas symbol will appear when the "boerleier" comes on the scene. This is a Dutch pastry, always associated with the Christmas season in Holland, made of a sort of almond paste shaped like the initials of the various members of the family. Only on St. Nicholas' birthday does this delicacy make its appearance in the average Dutch home—but always then.

BEFORE the bells ring for the midnight mass on "Noche Buena" (Good Night) the entrancing little daughter of Senor and Senora Tellez, of the Mexican Embassy, will no doubt hasten to do her good deed for others, according to an ancient custom of her country. There may be a Christmas tree to dance around, but it will be rather as an added grace to the festivity of an established custom of Mexican homes. But there are sure to be chestnuts aplenty, besides all of the other delicacies dear to the Mexican palate.

Spain is not given to celebrating Christmas with a tree. Instead, it uses the "nacimientos," meaning new-born, a plaster representation of the scene of the nativity. Before this little shrine the children of the household gather to sing and lay their gifts for the family.

The ancient religious dance, danced to the music

of the castanets in the resplendent cathedrals of the city churches as well as the little chapels by the peasants, and with all of the fervor as well as the joyousness of the occasion, is a Christmas custom in Spain.

On Christmas Eve the Spanish family sit down together, but never with friends, for upon that day only blood relations eat and drink together. The customs of Spain are followed largely by most of the fourteen or more Spanish-speaking countries represented at Washington and each country adds a touch of its own provincial colorfulness to the occasion. There are a host of young snobs and senoritas in these embassies and legations who remind one of the movie folks.

A MERRY custom of disguising the Christmas gifts prevails in the Norwegian household. Sometimes the present is a valuable brooch, wrapped about in layers and layers of the most grotesque coverings, with motives and admonitions popping out at every layer. Also, the already fat-to-bursting pigeons in Lafayette Square will have another wonderful feast at the Norwegian legation if the accustomed spread for the birds is given this year.

As in most of the European countries, Norwegian holiday festivities will last from Christmas Eve until Twelfth Day. There are several examples of what might be called "Greek perfection" in the small girls and boys of the Greek legation. They are not aware nor do they care, that in their ancient country many of the Christmas customs of the civilized world were fostered, and they are glad to substitute an American Christmas tree for the peasant children in their native home, who at this season of the year go around from house to house collecting what is called the "Luck of Christ," in the form of raisins, figs and walnuts.

Winsome little Julia, daughter of Signor and Signora Fernando Cuniberti, of the Italian Embassy, will put one over on the children of some of the other nations when she hangs up her stocking twice—once on Christmas Eve and again on January 6, Epiphany. She may have a Christmas tree, because she has become enamored of them in American homes, but, according to the Italian custom, the Christmas presents will be drawn from the mysterious Urn of Fate. Like all of the Latin countries, the foremost consideration of the day is its religious aspect and no child is too small to be excused from its observance. Fish and macaroni cooked as usual and no foreigner can cook it, are always included in the menu of festive occasion, and turkey is as popular in Lower Italy as it is in this country. The "presepio," or manger, is always an important feature of the Christmas decoration, and "torroni," the Italian candy sold in all large American cities around Christmas time, is as necessary to Julia's Christmas as the holly wreaths are to ours.

IN the six embassies and legations—Egyptian, Persian, Japanese, Chinese, Siamese and Turkish—whose religion is other than the Christian, Christmas is, of course, just another day so far as any significance is concerned. But the spirit that pervades everything at this season is a peculiarly contagious one, and upon these bits of "foreign soil" as well as others, social activities are quickened and good will is the order of the day.

The children of the diplomatic circle have long been regarded as one of the most interesting groups of youngsters at the Capital. Children among emigrants from almost every country are familiar sights in almost every large American city, but the children of the foreign ambassadors and ministers represent a very different stratum of society. Many of these children are descended from royal families, and many have grown up to marry into royal families, while a number already have titles of their own.

And they are such exquisite bits of childhood. Familiar sights to Washingtonians, as they stroll through the park with their blue-velvet or white-capped and aproned nurses, and chattering in their native tongues, or in French, the requisite to every well-educated European child. And their manners are the envy and despair of many an American mother.

It wouldn't be right or just to mention childhood and Christmas together without paying a yearly tribute to "Tiny Tim," the universal Christmas child, who has said, "God bless us every one down through the years and will continue to do so when all of the entrancing children of the diplomats, who await Santa Claus, St. Nicholas and Kris Kringle, are white-haired grandmothers and grandfathers and telling their grandchildren about "when I lived in America."

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Moneylender Partial to Literary Persons.

Paris, Dec. 17 (United Press).—Pitiless Paul is what the business men of Paris call him, but the poets call him Paul the Prince. On the records his name is Jean Paul Lefebvre and his profession is money lender.

Lefebvre is brusque and quick in his movements. The client without adequate security enters and exits faster than the postmaster who used to come to Washington to shake hands with Theodore Roosevelt. If you have the security, you sign it over to Lefebvre, and he takes it if you refuse to pay him, and his price is exactly three times the money he gives you, or 500 per cent interest.

But if you are a poet, a newspaper man, a writer of any sort, well, that's different. The sharp angles of his Shylock manner round off a Basso's softness and he talks books and literary shop, offers you a drink and takes you back into his apartment. There he brings down a large book with a chased bolt and opens it to the title page where you read "Poems of Silver" by Jean Paul Lefebvre.

To poets his interest is two per cent, three per cent, at most four per cent. There are poets who have come and eaten with Paul, Prince Paul, meals and strong wine, and good talk of songsters from Mistrail to Verano.

Business men hate him. There is a case of a shopkeeper who gave as security for a loan of 15,000 francs, his shop, and his household belongings, and signed a note agreeing to pay back 40,000 francs. The note fell due, the man did not have the money, and Paul sold him out to have the real spirit of Christmas. If we think on these things, there will be born in us a Saviour and over us will shine a star, sending its gleam of hope to the world. CALVIN COOLIDGE.

This message was not wholly without precedent, however, for in 1918, a few weeks after the Armistice had ended the greatest war of all time, President Wilson, on the eve of Christmas, sent the following to the American military forces which had so lately concluded their grim task on the shell-torn fields of France:

"I feel a comradeship with you today which is delightful and I look about the desecrated fields and think of the terrible scenes through which you have gone and realize now that the quiet peace, the tranquillity of settled hope, has descended upon us all; and while it is hard to be so far away from home, confidently to bid you Merry Christmas. I can, I think, confidently promise you a Happy New Year and I can from the bottom of my heart say God bless you!"

Similar greetings were sent to the disabled veterans of the war by President Harding during his tenure of office.

The White House is naturally the destination of innumerable Christmas remembrances quite apart from the gifts exchanged between the First Family and its intimate friends. These cover an almost unbelievable range of variety, but supplies for the holiday feast predominate and arrive far in excess of the executive table requirements.

But the real atmosphere of the season comes not from these but from observance of the holiday, which have for an inevitable official touch here and there, differs not greatly from that of a typical, comfortably well-fixed American family whose residence is on Main street instead of at 1500 Pennsylvania avenue.

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Famous Pets of Famous People

The Dog of King Pyrrhus, Which Found Its Master's Slayers.

By PRESTON WRIGHT.

AMONG the remarkable pets of antiquity was a dog belonging to King Pyrrhus of Epirus, whom Hannibal called the greatest general of any age.

Unfortunately, we have not this dog's name, and so his memory can not be perpetuated, as well as that of some other famous canines.

The manner of King Pyrrhus' acquisition of the animal is highly interesting, even dramatic. The events that preceded and followed it easily provide material for a play could an animal be equal to the exactions of the leading role be found to play it.

According to Plutarch, during the civil wars a certain Roman slave was killed, whose head could not be cut off (according to custom), because of a dog that guarded his body. No attempt was made to find out the slayers of the slave and administer punishment.

The animal must have been well treated by the dead man, for he sought vigilantly to keep away any enemy.



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This continued for three days during which he was without anything to eat or drink. It happened that King Pyrrhus passed that way and observed the dog watching over the slave's body. Upon hearing the animal would not desert

his departed master, he ordered that the body be buried and the dog brought to him.

This latter command was not now so hard to obey, since it was weak and famished.

The animal at once became attached to the king, transferring to him the allegiance it had formerly given a slave. It was constantly at his side.

A few days afterward, there was a muster of soldiers, these marching in review before the king.

Everything passed in orderly fashion for a time. But suddenly the dog, which had been lying quietly at the king's side, leaped to his feet and began a furious barking, which he directed at certain of Pyrrhus' soldiers.

Following this, he dashed at the men madly, snarling and growling at them and attempting to tear away their garments.

At intervals he turned to look at the king as if appealing to him to assist in this extraordinary assault.

King Pyrrhus was at first puzzled, but soon his suspicion was aroused. The review was ordered suspended and the men who had been the object of the dog's attack were apprehended and placed in confinement.

In this day and age it would have taken more than the barking of a dog to cause the arrest of any one on a murder charge. But in those days justice was differently administered. And in this instance it seems to have taken a proper course.

Although the evidence against them was very slight, the men confessed the killing of the slave. They were severely punished, and the dog had every reason to feel that he had amply avenged his former master.

Of course, the devotion he gave King Pyrrhus was greater than ever.

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times of unrestrained juvenile high jinks. But Mrs. Roosevelt was insistent that the surprise element in connection with the family's gifts be held inviolate until Christmas morn, so that all of them were carefully sequestered in one big room to which only she and one maid had keys.

Because of his devotion to the cause of conservation of natural resources, for two years President Roosevelt would sanction no Christmas tree in the White House, but one year Archie and Quentin, who a few years later was to lay down his life for his country, smuggled one in and trimmed it in Archie's room. Later, when Roosevelt's conservation chief, Gifford Pinchot, told the President that the supervised "cutting of Christmas greens did not menace the future of the forests, the Chief Executive permitted Christmas trees, which annually were erected in Archie's room. It was at Christmas balls that "Princess Alice," the present Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, and Ethel Roosevelt, now Mrs. Richard Derby, made their brilliant debut.

The jovial Taft was hard at work in his study one Christmas morning when the three newsmen who served papers at the White House timidly asked permission to see the President. "Of course; bring them in," was the word sent out, and after they had entered and exchanged the greetings of the season with their distinguished customer, one of the trio, to fill in a pause, allowed that all three were pretty good boxers.

"That's fine," commented the President, "Do you box with gloves or bare fists?" "Neither," piped the visitors in chorus, so promptly and earnestly that the then heavyweight Taft shook with laughter.

The custom of Christmas carols at the White House seems to have originated in the Taft term, for at midnight on Christmas Eve a group of singers appeared on the White

House lawn, harmoniously intoning "Adeste Fideles." Pretty soon a light appeared at the window of one of the private apartments on the upper story, the sash flew up and a large figure in a blue dressing robe leaped out, beaming happily on the assemblage. At the conclusion of the hymn the President sang out: "Merry Christmas, and thank you very much," to which the singers responded in kind and departed.

The Christmases spent by Woodrow Wilson in the White House with the first Mrs. Wilson and the second, in spite of impending actual war, were very happy ones. Baby Ellen McAdoo and the Sayre youngsters contributed their merriment to the joyousness of the day, the spirit of which, attaches of the Executive Mansion say, the Wilsons always entered into with zest.

Since that time there have been no young children in the immediate White House circle. Last year the only guest for Christmas dinner was Attorney General Sargent, and, of course, John Coolidge was home from Annapolis. But the First Family nevertheless spent a busy, happy and fruitful day. In place of a Christmas tree, Mrs. Coolidge introduced a note of novelty, founded on an old Dutch custom, of the housing but in the East Room a vivid representation of the scene of the Nativity.

As recently as last Christmas also, President Coolidge established what may become a custom of presidential Christmas messages to the American people. He personally penned it on a sheet of White House note paper and in this holograph form it was issued to the press for reproduction throughout the country during the happy season. The message was:

"To the American people: Christmas is not a time or season but a state of mind. To cherish peace and good will, to be generous in thought, is

HOOVER SETS AMERICAN PRECEDENT



First President-Elect to Travel Abroad in That Capacity; Roosevelt First to Leave United States While in Office; Taft and Grant Champion Globe-Trotters

ROOSEVELT was the first President to leave the United States during his term of office. Wilson went to Europe during his second term. Coolidge has remained at home except for a visit to Havana. Taft, like Hoover, has done a great deal of traveling, although he has never lived abroad for long periods of time, as has the President-elect. Harding visited Alaska while in office. Grant made a tour of the world following his term of office.

President-elect Herbert C. Hoover is now on a good-will tour of the South American republics and is becoming acquainted with the only part of the world which he had not previously visited.

Not more than five Presidents down to Lincoln's time had crossed the Alleghenies, and four of them were Western men who had to come over the mountains in order to get to Washington—Jackson, Polk, Harrison and Taylor.

The early group of Presidents who had seen foreign soil gained their experience in the service of the young republic. John Adams was Minister to France, a member of a commission which met in Holland, and he was Minister to the Court of St. James.

Eastern Europe only a few months, then rejoined his father in Holland. When he was grown to the stature of a statesman he was a minister himself, Washington having used his father, then President, to appoint the son Minister to Russia, and Quincy Adams was stopped in Russia by the Government to negotiate a treaty.

While he participated in momentous events in the early history of his own country, he was also a witness to the dramatic return of Napoleon, and lived in Paris during the fateful "hundred days."

The lack of rapid transportation was a handicap to travel in those early days, and it is interesting to note that the first six Presidents of the United States never saw the Mississippi River, Jackson being the only one up to his time who had been that far West.

Divorce is a great institution: it keeps women in circulation. If husbands went everywhere their wives told them to go, there would be fewer divorces but more widows.

Dewar's philosophy of life shows in the following bits of wisdom: A philosopher is a man who can look at an empty glass with a smile.

It is much better to have a few hundreds in the bank than millions on the brain.

Women's Place in Channel. No gentleman has ever heard your story before. To achieve disarmament build battleships by public subscription.

A man's reputation is that which is not found out about him. It seems to me that woman's place is no longer in the home; it is in the Channel.

A man who hides behind a woman's skirts today is not a coward; he is a magician.

When a man says his word is as good as his bond—get his bond.

We have been told that man is the noblest work of God, but nobody ever said so except man.

It is a wise wife who laughs at her husband's jokes.

Poets are born, not paid.

The road to success is filled with women pushing their husbands along.

It is not so much what a man stands for as what he fails for.

Looking at the world today, Lord Dewar has observed:

There are no idle rich; they are all dodging people who want their money.

Motor cars are increasing by leaps and bounds—pedestrians are surviving by the same process.

"Adam's Rib," a small part that has developed into a loud speaker.

The one thing that hurts more than paying income tax is not having to pay income tax.

Wares from the Christmas Stock.

Intriguing powders, rouges, gay lipsticks, bath salts, dusting powders, enchanting perfumes, luxuriously scented savons de bain, vanities—all these and more are displayed on the counters. Doesn't your imagination catch fire at the eternal possibilities in gifts like these? But, in our enthusiasm, we must not forget to consider appropriateness.

First, let the gift be in quality of the finest that we can afford. Let there be little of the best, rather than much of the acceptable. Secondly, unless one is absolutely sure that the color, type, texture and scent are absolutely right for the recipient, one had better not buy!

Possibilities in Make-Up.

Powders—why not a de luxe case of double compartment, one with the precisely correct color for daytime use, and the other compartment filled with a flattering shade for evening? Between the two colors lies a great difference in chic to the beauty-wise. Even while they acknowledge the fact, many women fail to make this very necessary purchase of two types of powders. Delight over such a gift will be genuine. Without a doubt, your friends' preferences in daytime powders are

well established—follow them closely. In the evening, most brunettes wear a pale yellow powder to great advantage, and, while many light-haired women prefer this same shade, most blondes look well in a mauve powder.

A box of rouges—in several shades for daytime use (to blend with frocks of different colors), and two for evening—would be a knowing addition to one's make-up box. And, to carry a good thing a little farther—a collection of pastes for the lips tinted to match the rouges.

Bath Accessories.

Accessories that make the daily bath an event that affects one's morale favorably constitute a delightful suggestion for what to give the busy woman who must take the good things of life on the wing. Dusting powders and a box of just-awoke-but-expensive bath soap given to the housewife may supply a new perspective on just how much of her truly feminine self she has a right to relinquish because of her down-to-earth duties. Incidentally to be completely thoughtful, give these helps to beauty in the same scent as that already favored by the lady in her toilet preparations.

Caution in Regard to Perfumes.

In the matter of perfumes, the clever gives exercises considerable caution, and my advice to the buyer of scent for gift purposes is: know your

subject well. Are you really well enough acquainted to judge whether or not a fragrance is suited to your friend's personality, her coloring, her type, her own ideas of what she is and isn't? Are you sure that she hasn't chosen one special odor as her very own, never to be departed from? It's rather a dangerous ground to tread on unless you are sure of these things. Here, more than in any other phase of this beauty giving, intrinsic worth should be emphasized, for nothing is worse than bargain-counter perfume.

Vanity, Vanity.

New and alluring articles to be carried in the handbag form another good mine to help the puzzled Christmas giver. Vanities of all descriptions—from the most extravagant commodes for dressing use to the ingenious case that costs but a dollar or so—these, and all the vanity cases in between will be given eager reception by every woman.

Luxurious Extravagance.

One could develop an endless list of varied beauty aids for Christmas giving touching upon the extravagant. A small Venetian casket made into an amusing make-up box with a mirror, modernistic make-up boxes with mirrors, crystal boudoir-table lamps with delicately wrought shades, modernistic toilet sets made of silver and wood, silver and enamel.

Then, there are small practical thoughts such as a generous supply of fine cleansing tissues in festive wrappings or great soft powder puffs (the many women who are particularly fond of sometimes difficult to find at a moment's notice) or a box of individual power puffs each to be used once and discarded.

A Complement to a Woman's Jewels.

There is the simplest, least expensive—with its package of finest sandvict and small jeweler's brushes—a thing of enormous convenience to the woman who is fastidious about the small details, as well as the more obvious ones.

There are creams and lotions and little extra beauty servants that any woman would be glad to use if they were on her dressing table. And they are so favorite of hers, a warm and case carrying in it miniature containers filled with beauty insurance. A truly fine manicure kit is another suggestion.

At the Beauty Shop.

Finally, one might wish to follow the example of one of my friends, who last year on Christmas Day, gave her two best friends little cards telling in amusing verse, that by presenting these cards they would be entitled to 52 manicures apiece. The card, in each case, gave entries to the salon of the recipient's favorite beauty specialist.

Aside from these very real steps toward the goal we all desire something which augments tranquility and pleasure may be given. In this class, we may include lacy boudoir pillows, colorful crystal for the dressing table or bathroom, a genuine perfume atomizer and an inviting negligee.

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MEET THE MISSES!

By JACK WILHELM



The MARRIED LIFE of HELEN and WARREN

By MABEL HERBERT URNER

Creator of the "Helen and Warren" Characters.

An Anonymous Phone Call Heralds a Mysterious Letter

"DEAR, I wonder what Carrie paid for that rug? She needn't have made such a secret of it—"

"Guess she thought it was none of your business," Warren cracked an egg with early-morning vigor. "What's the matter with this salt?"

"It's the dampness—take this one. She's always asking what I pay for things," resented Helen, with rankling memories of his sister's prying.

"Huh, both of you pretty darn snoopy. Never saw a jame yet without a curiosity complex. Here," he sniffed, "that thing burning?"

"It's not curiosity!" switching off the toaster. "I'm really interested—"

"Fancy way of puttin' it, eh? This all the jam?" scraping the jar.

Futile to protest. His opinions on feminine psychology unyielding.

"May be late for dinner," clattering down his coffee cup. "Full day."

"Don't forget your umbrella, dear," running after him to the hall.

Seeing him off. Turning back to the dining room.

Gazing out at the dripping gloom. No sign of clearing in the cloud-choked sky.

The all-day rain she had been waiting for—to make those bedroom curtains!

"Emma, I want this table right away—to cut out on. No, it's so dark—leave on the lights."

The dining-room table cleared. Opening the bolt of ecrú net.

Measuring. Six curtains—2½ yards each. Yes, more than enough.

Find out—quick! Again snatching the receiver.

"Operator—operator! That call just now—can you find out where it came from? . . . Oh, it's very important—can't you try?"

But the operator callously indifferent to her break-the-rules appeal.

A letter mailed this morning—due this afternoon. To be destroyed unread? Why? What could it be?

Dashing out to the kitchen, where the maid was polishing the range.

"Emma, what time is the next mail? Why, you ought to know—it comes every day! No, I don't— Well, bring it in the minute it comes!"

Returning to the dining room, but too turmolted to concentrate on curtains. Broodingly staring at the slanted drizzle.

A letter she mustn't open! What did it mean?

Who could have written it? Something they wished to retract. What?

The voice strange, but that no clew. Perhaps phoning for some one else. Who?

A swift inventory of her friends. All too prosaic for this dramatic mystery.

A heart-thumping thought. Warren! Something about him— Some woman?

No! Unthinkable! Too absorbed in his work to bother with women. Yet—

Resolutely basting the monotonous hems. But still puzzling over the baffling letter.

The rest of the morning a flutter of fantastic speculations.

Lunch. Cold chicken and salad on a corner of the curtain-billowed table.

Tossed carelessly on the ecrú net—a square mauve envelope!

Helen stared—hypnotized. "Mrs. Warren E. Curtis." The writing distinguished—unmistakably feminine. Post-marked that morning, the station blurred.

Holding it to the light. But the heavy linen opaque. The stamp on crooked—indicating haste.

If she did open it—the woman, whoever she was, would never know. But that promise to destroy it unread!

Tear it up then. No, she couldn't—not yet. Wait and ask Warren.

Propping the envelope against the Sheraton knife box on the sideboard.

Hunting for her needle. Threading another with forget-it-all resolutions.

A surge of resentment. Why had she made such a promise? Why keep it? The letter legally hers—a perfect right to read it.

Why struggle against this consuming curiosity?

Curiosity! A rushing memory—Warren's breakfast-table criticism. Feminine curiosity always an indefensible target for his caustic thrusts.

No, she wouldn't open it! A supreme

chance to prove she wasn't overcurious.

Give it to him unopened. See what he would do. What would be his reaction?

Hemming endless yards of net with distraction-seeking industry. The long rainy afternoon uninterrupted.

At 5, Helen folded up the not-quite-finished curtains.

Again examining the letter. Tilting the shade on a bracket lamp—holding the envelope against the bulb. But no glimpse of writing within.

Slipping it under the antique altar cloth on the sideboard. Leave it there—out of sight—until Warren came.

A supervising visit to the kitchen. Braving Emma's exuded disapproval.

Then bathing, dressing. The before-dinner routine automatic—still obsessed by that mystifying letter.

Warren had said he might be late. Perched on the library window-seat, she looked down on the rain-gleamed street. Glistening umbrellas. Taxi tops like shiny beetles.

One drawing up. A familiar gray overcoat—

Flying to the hall door. Holding it open when Warren stepped from the elevator.

"Hello, Kitten!" shaking his rain-splashed coat. "That darned umbrella—must've left it in the subway."

But Helen for once not perturbed by his umbrella carelessness.

"Dear, what do you think?" an eager tug at his lapel. "The strangest thing—"

"Dinner ready?" stalking past her to his room. "Well, let her make it snappy. Starved."

Wait till he was washed up. Better still, till after dinner.

But her impatience compelling. The moment he slumped into his chair, handing him the tormenting mauve envelope.

"What's this? Addressed to you," tossing it over.

"Wow, that's hot!"

"Dear, do listen—tell me what you think! It's maddening—I've been worrying all day. What can it be?"

"Open it and find out," breaking a cheese stick.

"I promised not to! It doesn't seem quite fair—"

"Why not? Anonymous call—worse'n an anonymous letter. Any one who don't give a name gets blame little consideration from me!"

"Then you think it's all right to open it? But I did promise—"

"Well, I didn't! Here, pitch it over."

Ruthlessly silting the flap with his knife. Scanning the mauve sheet.

"Of all the nerve!" an irate splutter.

"What is it? Oh, don't—give it to me!"

Pussy Purr-Mew scampering over the rug—after the crumpled letter.

Helen swooping down. Snatching it up. Smoothing it—

Typewritten!

"We knew you would open it!"

"You may be indignant at first. But from our knowledge of feminine psychology, just as we knew you would open this, we know you will be glad you did!"

"An unusual approach? Yes, because we have an unusual product—for an unusual clientele!"

"Just fill out the inclosed card. Like Aladdin's genii, our representative will appear! And no magic gift could bring more satisfaction than the one he will demonstrate—Elliot's Electricizer!"

"The magic massage machine that at last ends the quest for eternal youth!" Mingled amusement and resentment as she stared at the strategic "ad."

Christmas conspiracies

by Edgar A. Guest

A dad with Christmas coming on
Fights single-handed everyone,
With plots and schemes and cunning deep,
Insistently at him they keep,
Intent his stubborn will to break
With such assaults that love can make.
E'en she, who swore she would obey
Turns traitor for the Christmas day.
Fights single-handed every one;

Ah, well, you know how mothers are!
The boy is asking for a car
And she supports him in the plea
Lending her aid to conquer me.
He fires at me from left and right,
The mother takes the field at night.
Once this mad whim we both denied,

Now she is on the youngster's side!
Daughter and son have now conspired
To win from me a joy desired,
Mother and daughter also merge
To gratify a common urge,
With little hints shot out at tea
All forces now beleaguer me.
Alone I stand, with none to aid,
Against this Christmas can-nade.

"Leave it to me," she tells the lad,
"I'll join with you against your dad.
That car you wish I'm sure I'll win,
I'll wheedle him till he gives in."
Mother and Janet likewise plot,
I am the target for the lot.
And well I know that I must fall,
For I've no chance against them all!

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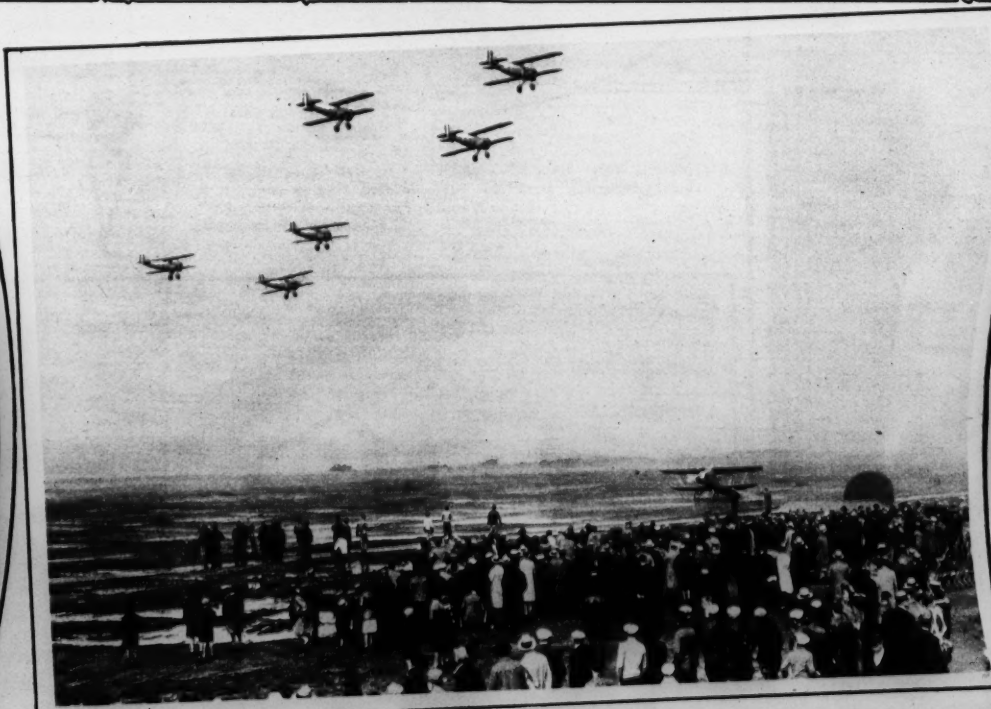
Next Week—Out of the Past.



Merry Christmas 1928



INSPECTING DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AIR MARKERS. Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and Henry Ford, snapped during the recent Aeronautical Conference held in the Capital.
Wide World Photo.



DELEGATES THRILLED by air maneuvers during recent Washington conference.
Henry Miller Service.

EARLY CHRISTMAS FOR THESE KIDDIES. "Uncle Robert," annual benefactor of the poor, gave a party aboard the giant liner Leviathan in New York on December 3, assisted, of course, by Santa Claus.
Associated Press Photo.



TWO WELL-KNOWN GENTLEMEN CONFER IN NEW YORK. Governor-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt and Gov. Alfred E. Smith of New York go over details of the executive budget at the home of the former on East Sixty-fifth street.
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THE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S TROPICAL YULETIDE



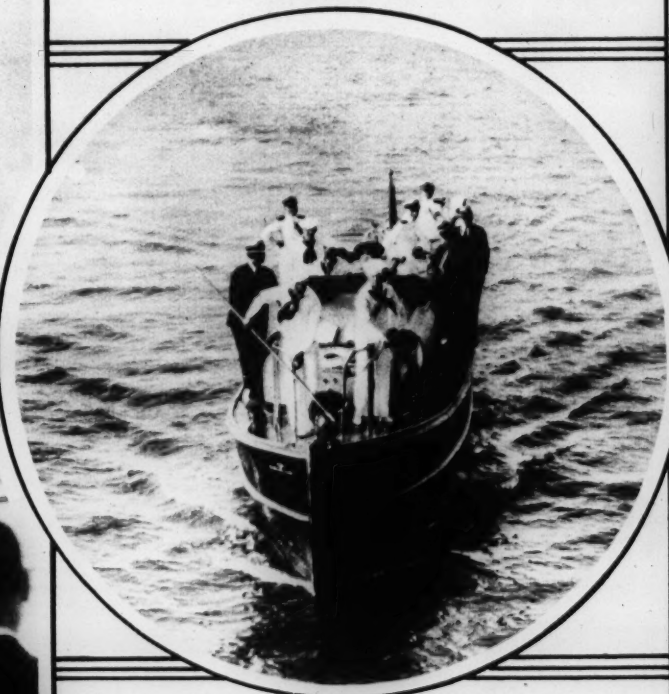
PRESIDENT-ELECT HERBERT HOOVER WATCHES A STORM at sea from the bridge of the U. S. S. Maryland, shortly after embarking upon his South American good will trip.
Associated Press photo.



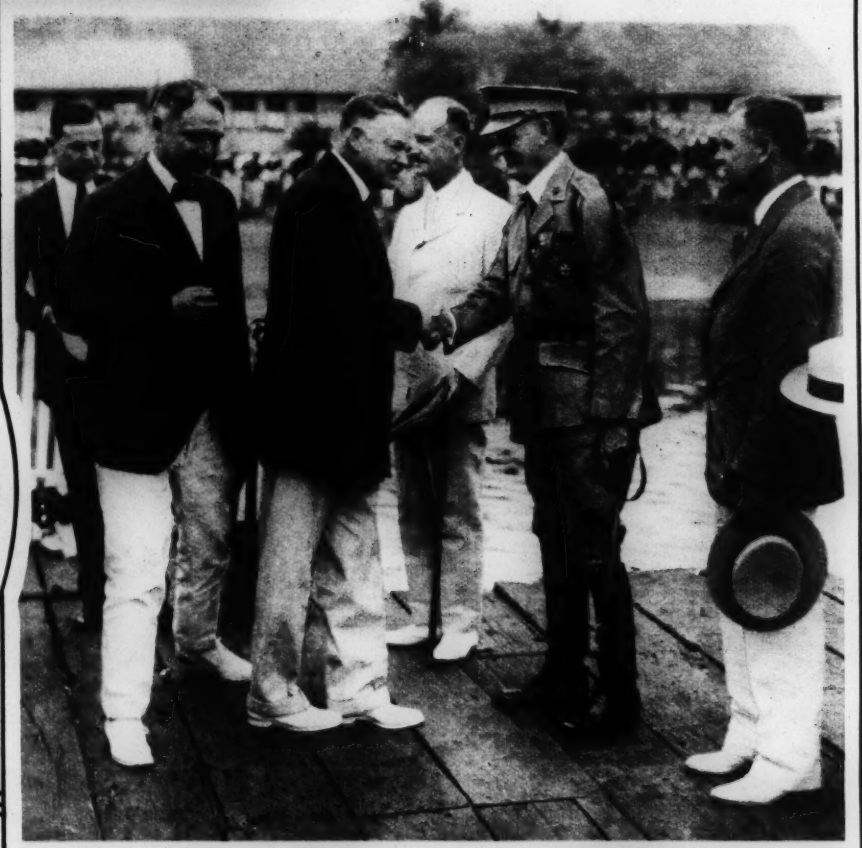
THE PROW OF THE MARYLAND NOSING THROUGH A HEAVY SEA whipped up by a 70-mile gale shortly after the departure from California.
Associated Press photo.



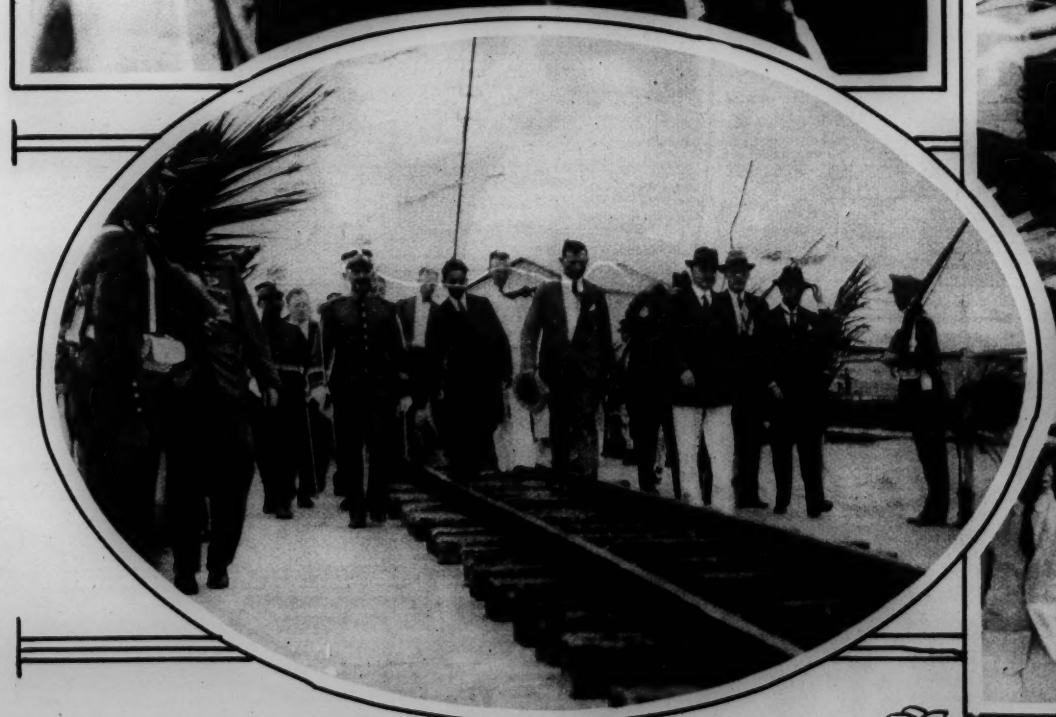
ABOARD THE U. S. S. MARYLAND. The President-elect with Henry P. Fletcher and Capt. V. A. Kimberly, of the Maryland, snapped off the coast of Central America.
Wide World photo.



(Above) THE LANDING PARTY at Puntarenas, Costa Rica. (Left) Departing from the palm-bedecked landing after a brief visit to Amapala, Honduras.
Associated Press photos.



THE GREETING IN NICARAGUA. American Minister C. C. Everhart, President-elect Hoover and Gen. Feland, in charge of the United States Marines.
Associated Press photo.



A MILITARY TOUCH MARKED THE ARRIVAL OF THE AMERICAN JUNKET at the picturesque port of L'Union, Salvador, where an enthusiastic welcome was accorded the President-elect.
Associated Press photo.



THE WELCOMING FIESTA THAT GREETED THE HOOVER PARTY upon their arrival at Amapala, Honduras.
Associated Press photo.



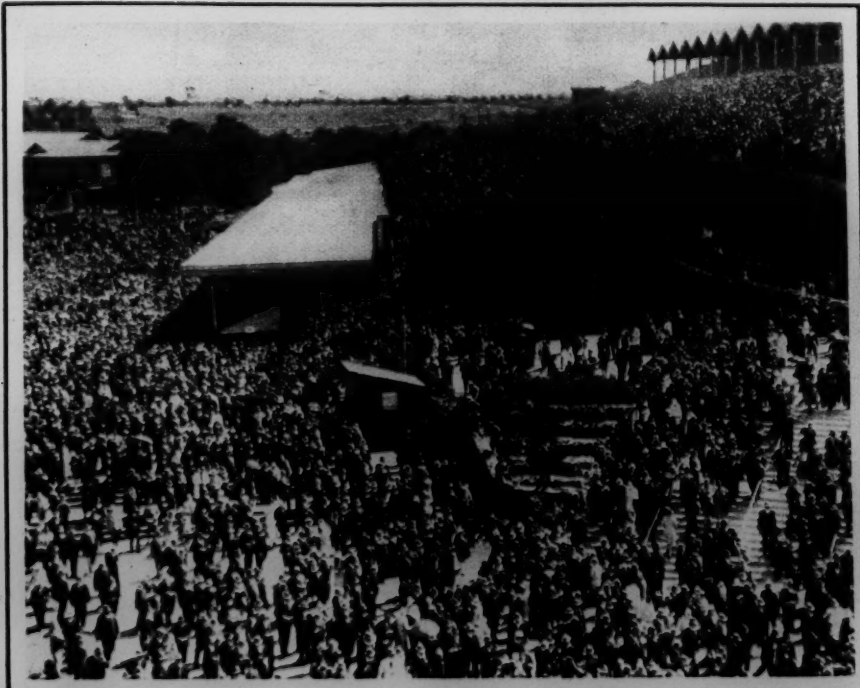
A MORE INTIMATE VIEW of President-elect Herbert Hoover, Mrs. Hoover taken during the visit to the sister republic to the South.
Associated Press photo.



THE LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, as it appears today at Christmas time.
Near East Relief Photo.

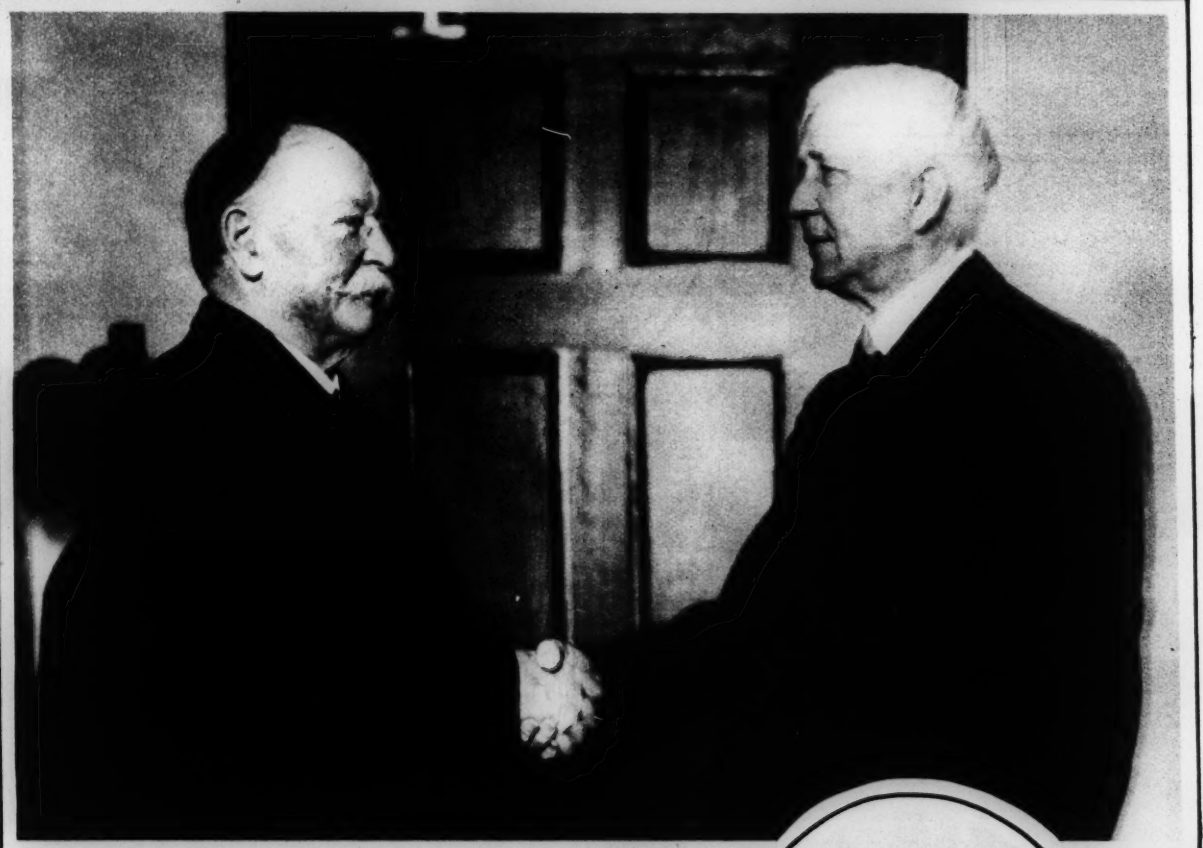


"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."
M-G-M Photo.



CROESUS IN FRONT OF THE CASEMENTS.
John D. Rockefeller leaving his Florida home for the winter's first round of golf at Ormond.
Associated Press Photo.

A RACING CROWD AT MELBOURNE. 120,000 people jam the course to see the running of the Melbourne Sweepstakes, contested for the fifty-first time over a 2-mile course.
Henry Miller Service.



CONGRATULATIONS ON TWENTY YEARS' SERVICE. Chief Justice Taft felicitating Col. Ernest P. Bicknell, for two decades in Red Cross foreign work.
Underwood & Underwood.



ATTEND PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE. The President and Mrs. Coolidge, accompanied by Dwight Morrow, American Ambassador to Mexico, at the entrance to the Pan-American Building.
Wide World Photo.



HOME FROM EUROPEAN TRIUMPHS. Grace Moore, of the Metropolitan Opera, returns to America on the Berengaria.
Associated Press Photo.



THE CAMARADERIE OF SPORT. A few of the Berks and Bucks staghounds make friends with one of the youngest members of the hunt at a meet in England.

Wide World Photo.



THE FOURTH ESTATE GOES GUNNING.

This group of nimrods includes Ben Ames Williams, Robert H. Davis, Ray Long, John Oliver La Gorce, Roy Howard, Tom Shipp and other noted publishers, authors and journalists on the coastal islands of Georgia.

Associated Press Photo.



TALLULAH BANKHEAD, ACTRESS daughter of Representative William B. Bankhead, of Alabama, and her fiancé

Count Anthony de Boscari, whom she will marry in January.

Henry Miller Service.



A GEM OF CHRISTIAN ART donated to the Holy Rosary Church, Third and F Streets, by Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gatti. Pulpit of Carrara marble with bronze panels made in Italy by Cav. Antonio Bozzano.

Hugh Miller, Post Staff.



KNOTTY PROBLEMS HIS DISH. "Old Harry," 75-year-old Britisher, noted for his knowledge of the various knots used by man, past, present and probably future.

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VIRGINIA'S FIRST SNOWFALL. Scene along the Chickahominy River, where McClellan and his army made their way during the Civil War.

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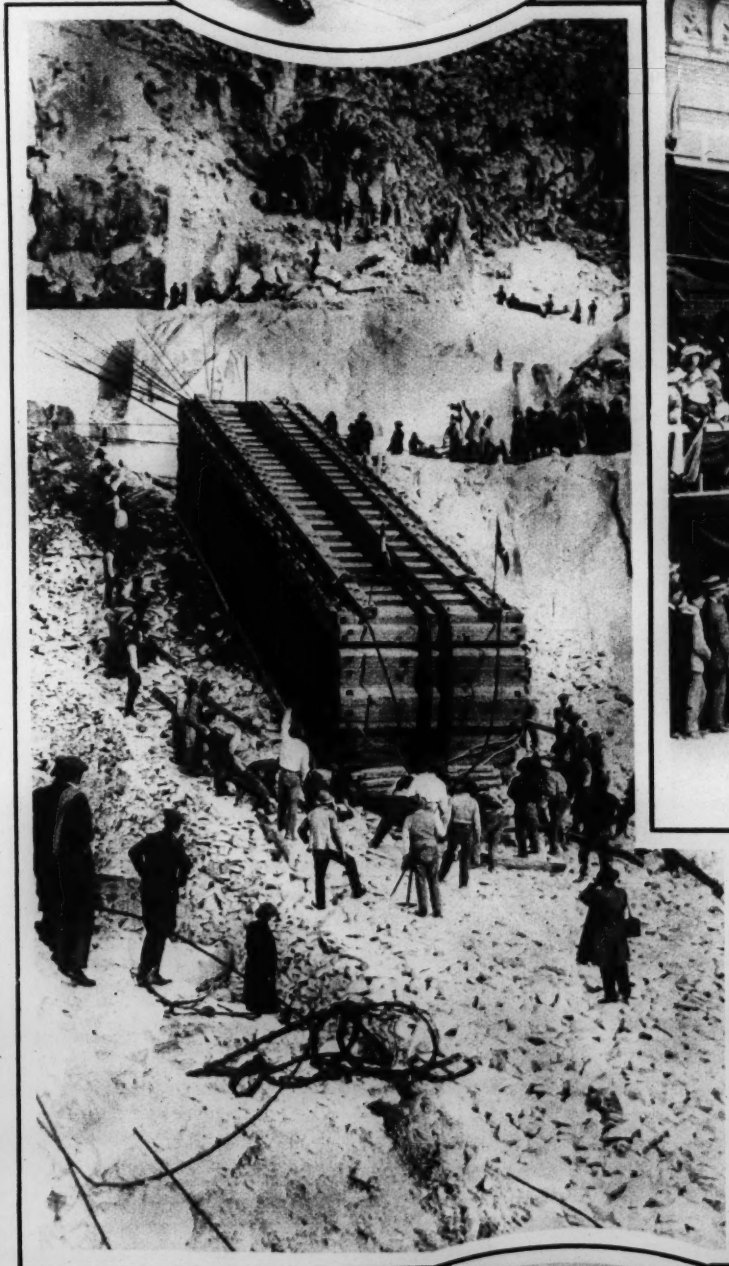


TUTORED BY LINDY'S FIRST TEACHER. Kathryn Crawford, screen player is being taught to pilot a plane by Otto Timm.

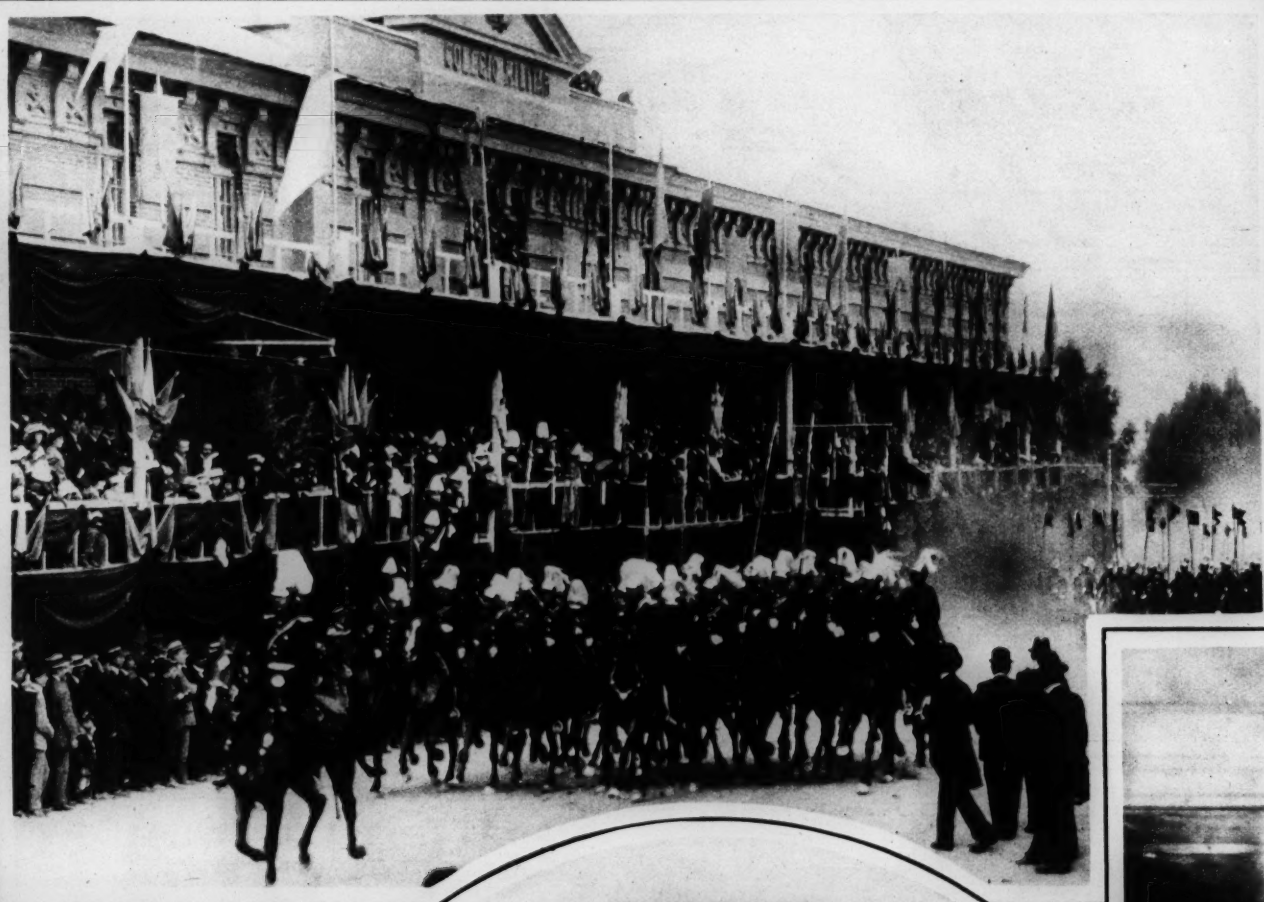


Above—PAN-AMERICAN CONCILIATION PARLEY MEETS IN WASHINGTON. Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg is shown speaking at the opening session. Left—Vice President and Mrs. Charles G. Dawes arriving at the Pan-American Union. Right—Secretary of State Kellogg and Dwight Morrow, American Ambassador to Mexico, as they arrive at the conference.

Underwood & Underwood, Wide World and Henry Miller Photos.



50-TON MARBLE BLOCK for obelisk at Mussolini Stadium in Rome on its way. Wide World Photo.



MOBILIZED FOR WAR. Bolivian troops held in readiness for clash with Paraguay—a threat disturbing to the Pan-American Conference.

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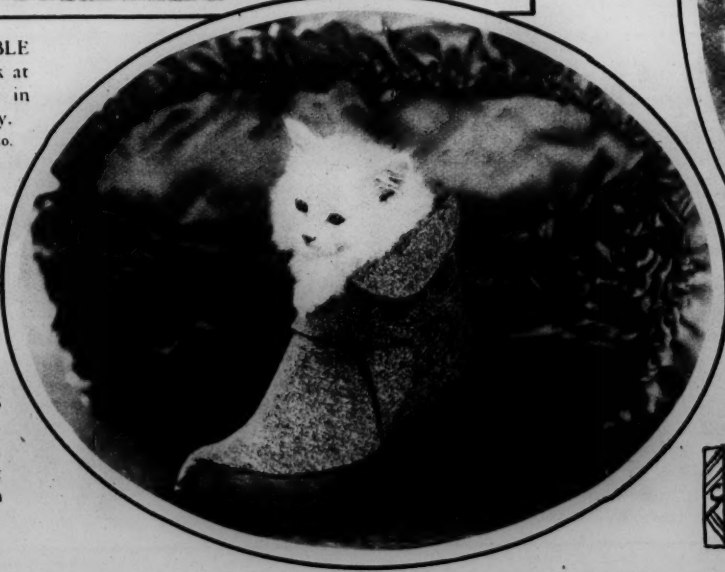
STAR TAKES A CHANCE. Reed Howes, of the films, changes airplanes in midair without aid of a double.

Wide World Photo.



LINDY'S SPECIALLY DESIGNED AERIAL OFFICE. An interior view of the Columbus, showing desk where Col. Charles A. Lindbergh and other air transport officials will work while flying.

Associated Press Photo.



THE REAL PUSS-IN-BOOTS poses for a portrait at Atlantic Cat Club show at the Waldorf in New York. Associated Press Photo.



SOME ONE MUST HAVE HAD A WHALE OF A TIME, judging from the size of this catch hauled up on the sands of a convenient beach in Norway. Plenty of sperm oil for the electric lights now!

Henry Miller Service.



HOW A SINKING SHIP LOOKS just before the plunge. German training bark Pomern, sank without loss of life off Guernsey, England.

Wide World photo.



THE RUSH IS ON to mail those letters to Santa Claus.

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A PROSPECTIVE WORLD'S CHAMPION. Falko von Honorsburg, owned by Virginia Honors, Swampscott, Mass., can clear 11 feet 3 1/2 inches.

Wide World photo.



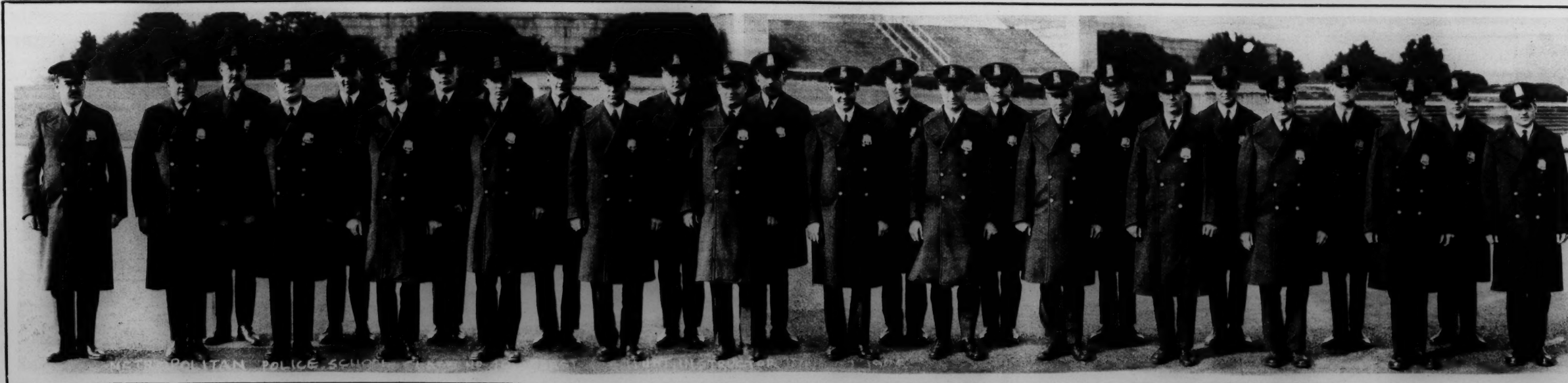
MISS MARGARET LAMBIE, recently admitted to practice before Supreme Court.

Harris & Ewing photo.



A GAME OF PUSH-BALL ON HORSEBACK in the snow at Wenonah Military Academy is not necessarily snow-balling.

Associated Press photo.



NEW MEMBERS OF THE FORCE. Class No. 40 of the Metropolitan Police School, drilled in their duties under the personal instruction of Sergt. A. S. Hunt, shown at left.



SUNKIST CALIFORNIA BEAUTIES. Otherwise the male chorus of the University of Southern California Dental College's annual burlesque staged in Los Angeles.

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LITTLE MISS MURIELSUE RUBIN, 2½-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Rubin, of Charlottesville, Va., a visitor in the Capital.



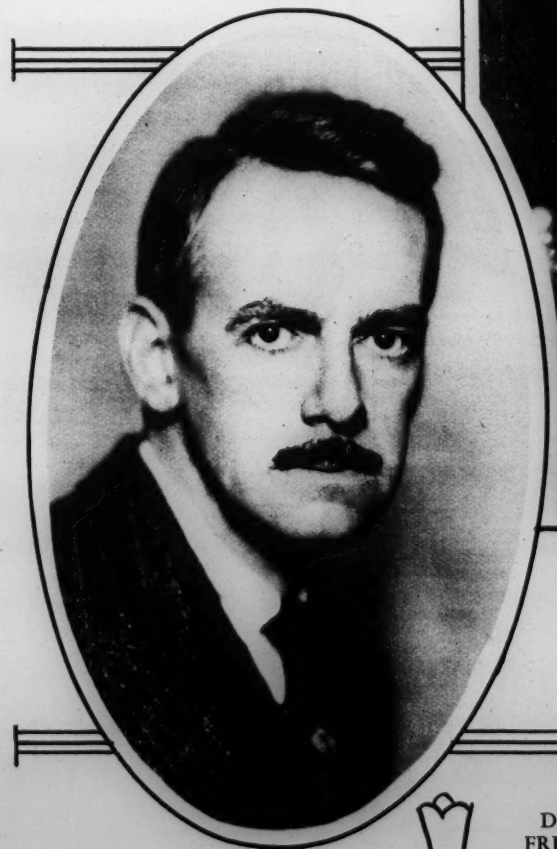
THE APPLE-KNOCKERS WHO SUCCEED WALTER JOHNSON. Tris Speaker, who will manage the Newark Baseball Club, and Jack Onslow, formerly of St. Louis, who will be his assistant.

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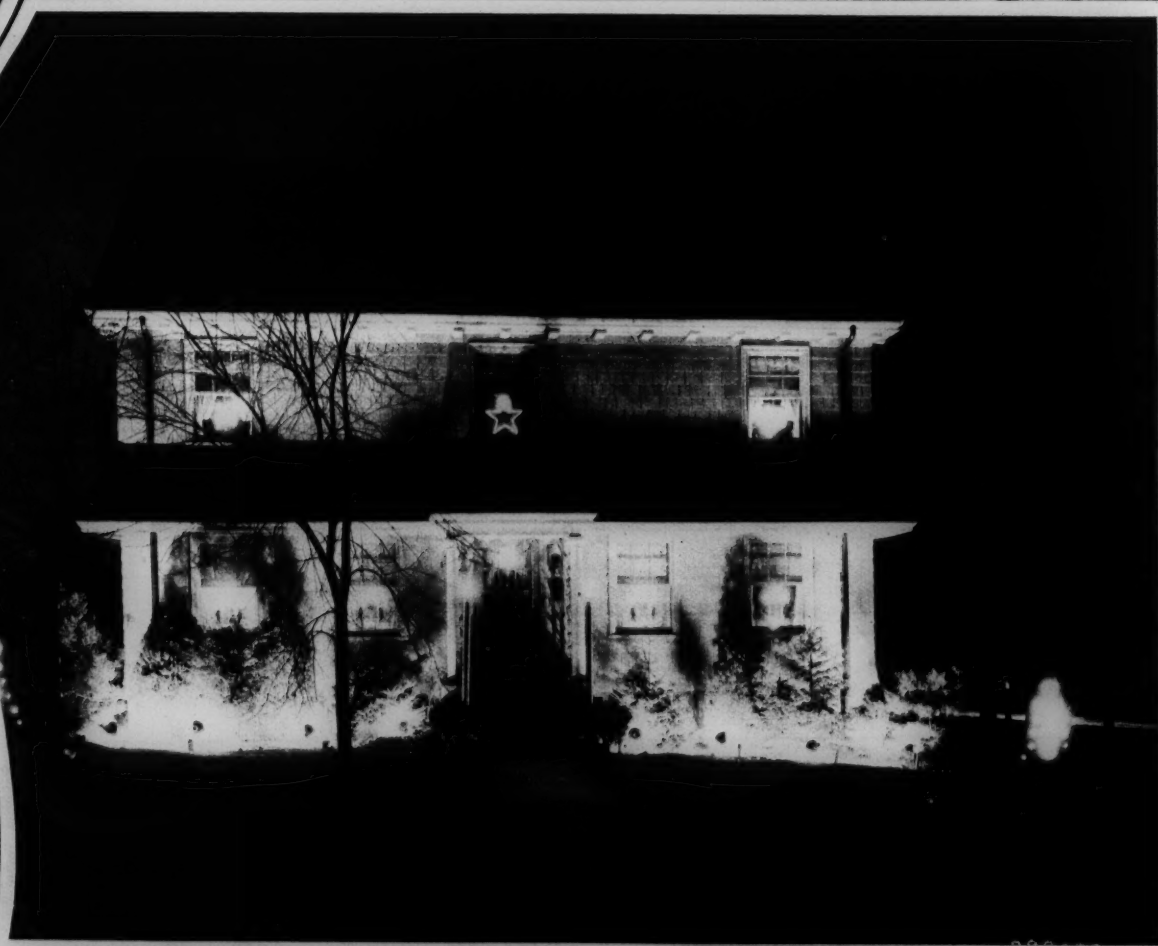
ALL MEMBERS OF SANTA'S HAPPY FAMILY. All these little folks of the land of make-believe will be in Santa Claus' Christmas pack for those who hang up their stockings.

Associated Press Photo.



EUGENE O'NEIL, author of "Strange Interlude," current at the National Theater, who lies seriously ill in Shanghai, China.

Photo by Nickolas Muray.



THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED in The Post's "Brighter Community Xmas" contest, now running.

DECORATIVE FRIEZE, posed by Monika Dwyre and Janet Helbig, of the Stafford Pemberton dancers.

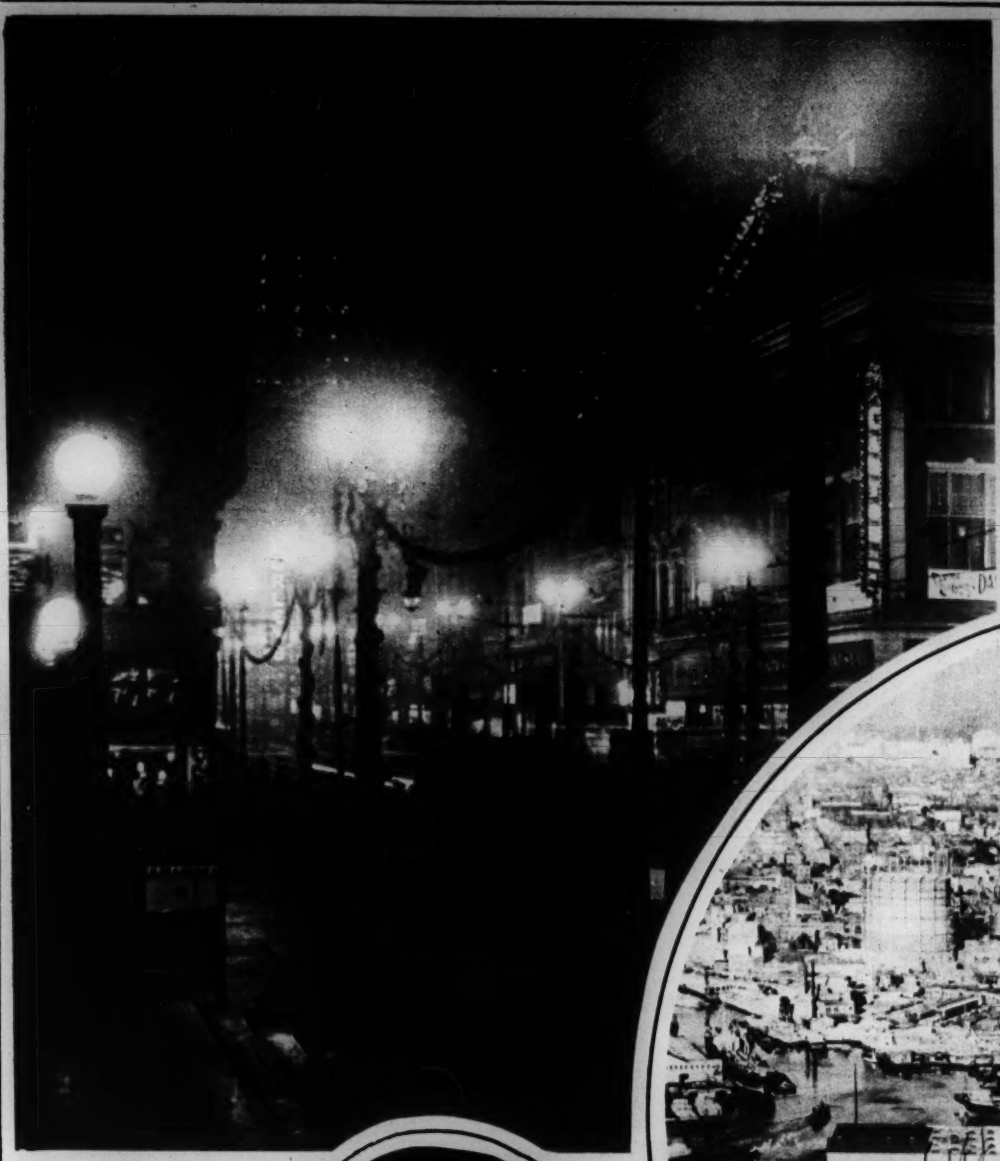


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WHITE GLOVES FOR THE LEATHER PUSHERS. Tommy Loughran, light heavyweight champion, examining the new dyeless mitts designed to prevent infection. Wide World Photo.



"WELL, WELL, WELL." Dorothy Drum, decorating Poli's beginning Christmas night.

JUST A REMINDER that there is still ice skating in the world, even if none here. Associated Press Photo.



IN COLD STORAGE. An aerial view of the Tebo Yacht Basin in Brooklyn, N. Y., where \$15,000,000 worth of pleasure craft are laid up for the winter. Wide World Photo.



SUBJECTED TO NEW SAFETY TESTS. The submarine S-4, which sank last year off Provincetown, Mass., with all her crew, being reconditioned. Wide World Photo.

RUSSELL & DILWORTH, novelty dancers at Wardman Park. Photo by Aikin.

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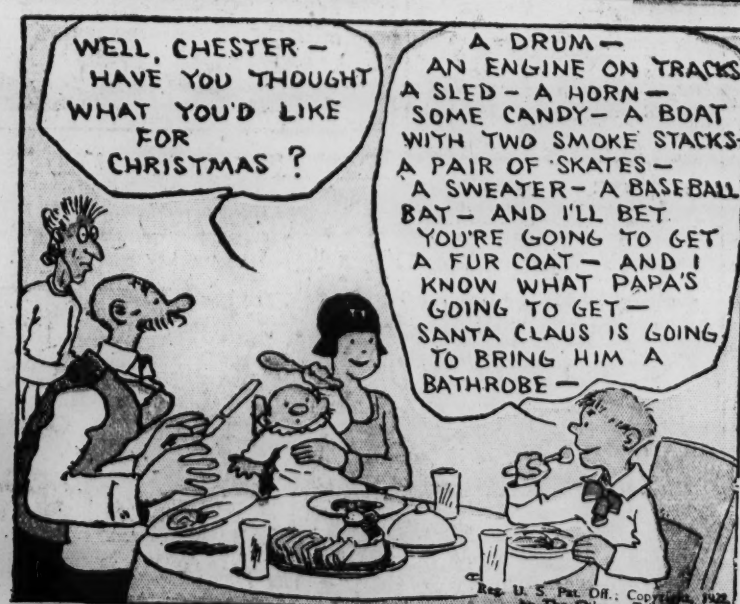
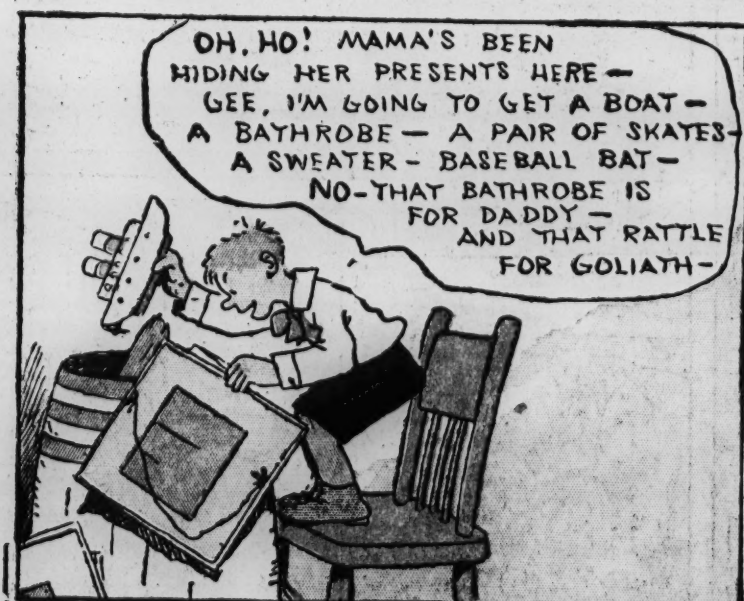
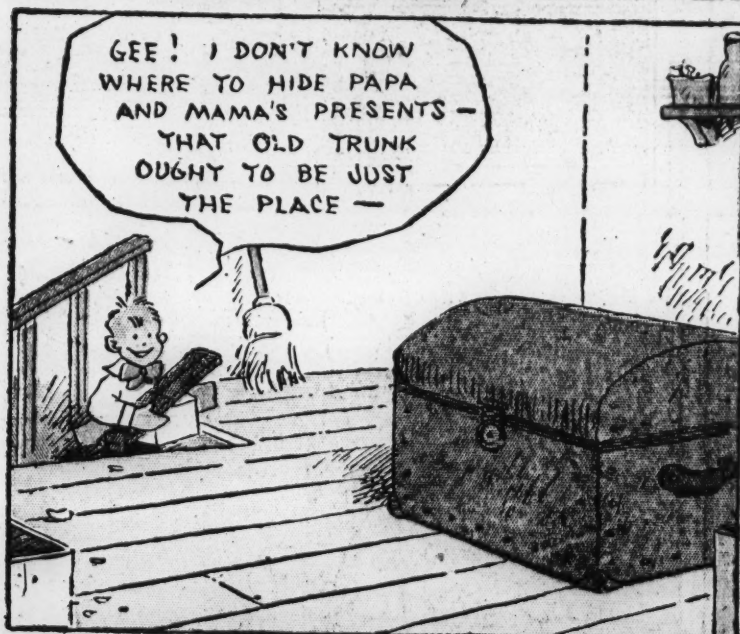
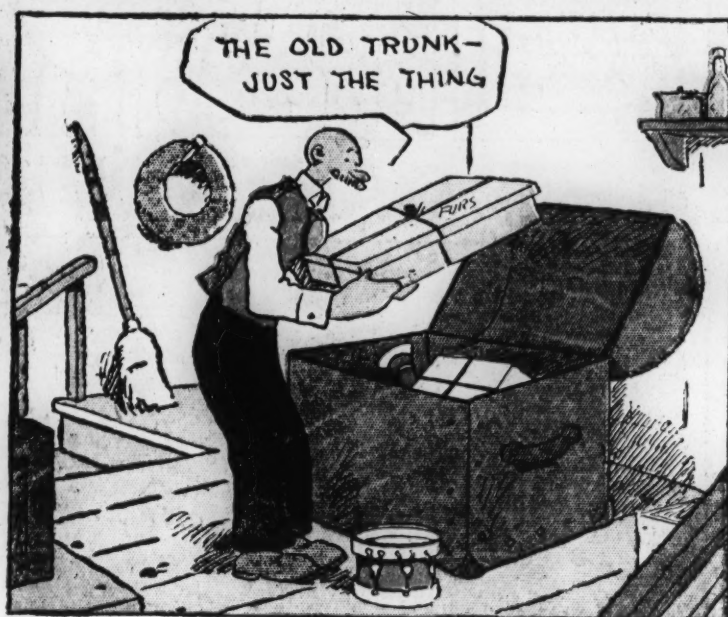
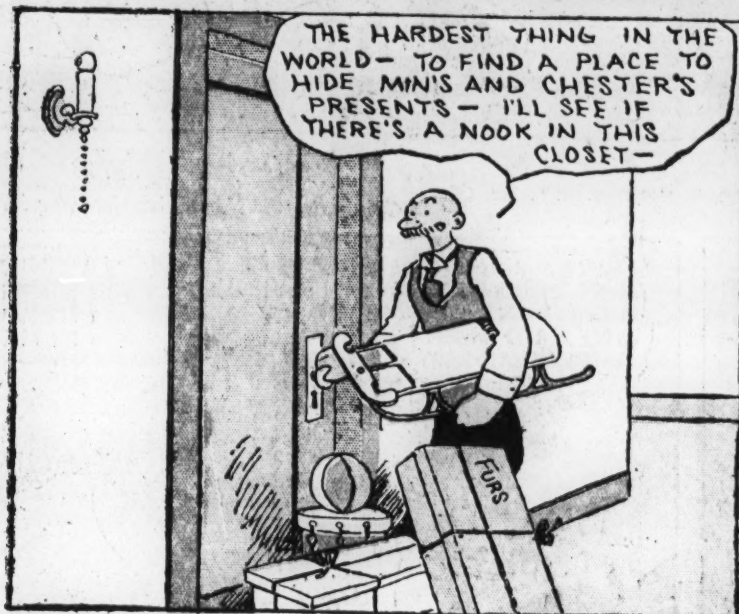
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IN
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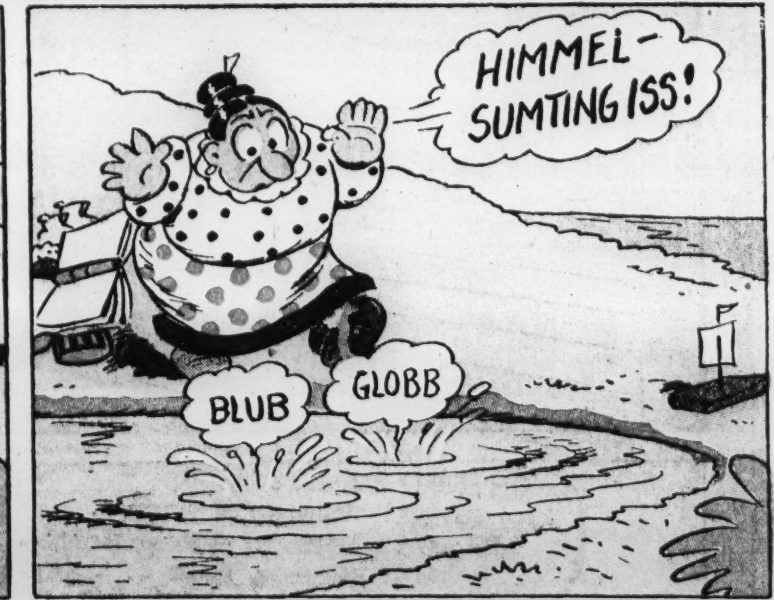
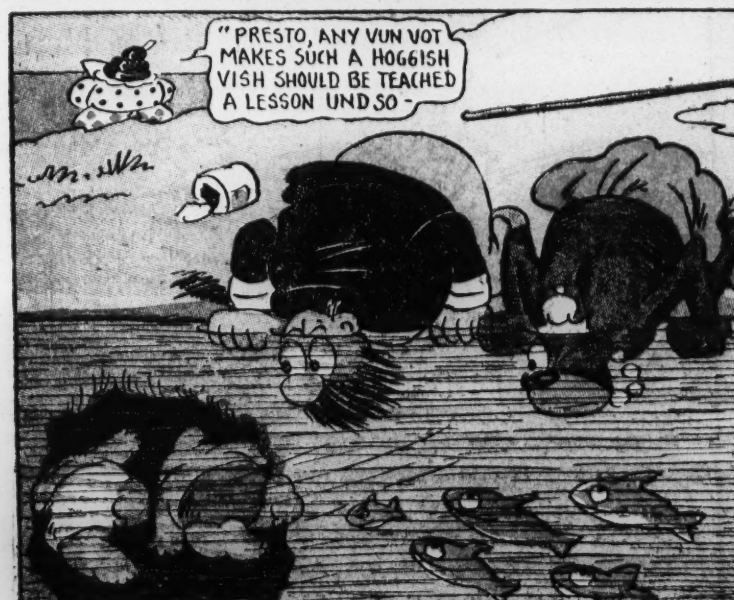
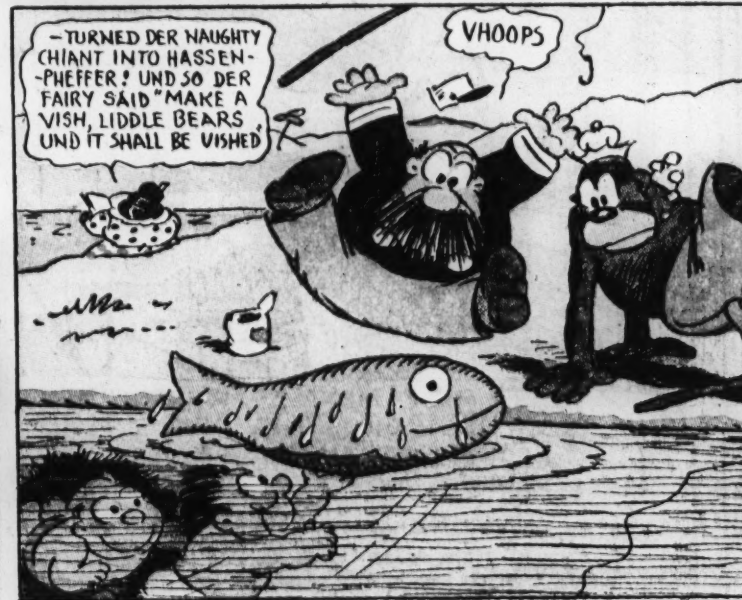
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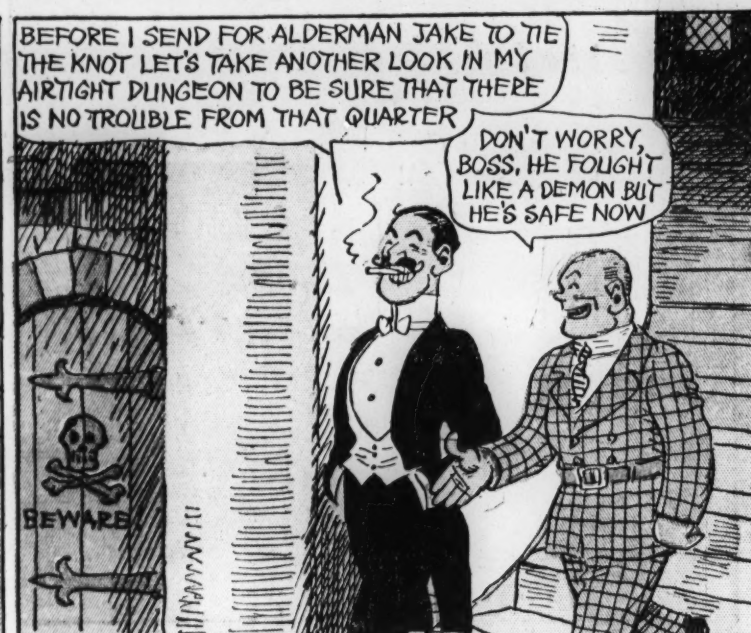
WELL, IS EVERYTHING HO KAY AND DID I DO YOUR BIDDING AS ORDERED, BOSS?

YOU DID WELL, IKE, AND THIS IS THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE. BELINDA HAS AT LAST CONSENTED TO BE MINE AND TO-DAY I SHALL ESPOUSE HER



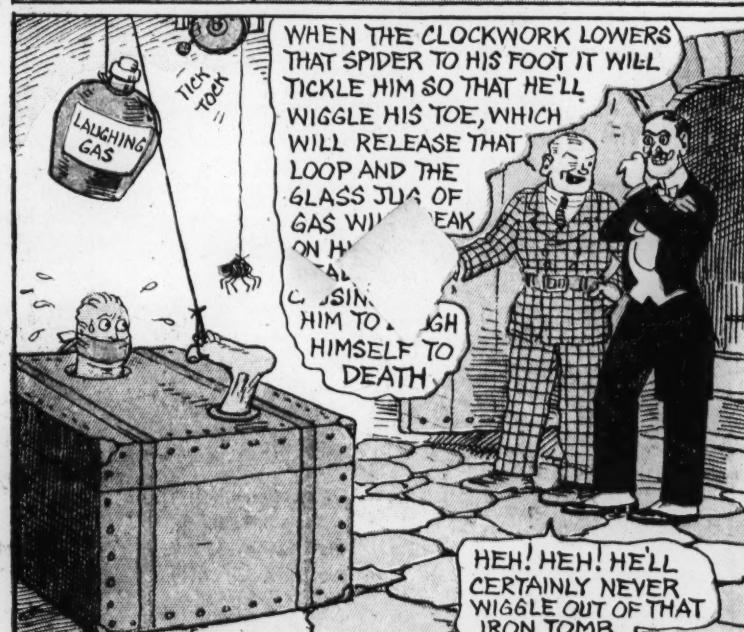
IT WAS A BIG ORDER, BOSS, AND IT TOOK ALL MY GANG TO GET 'EM HERE, AND I SPARED NO EXPENSE. IT WAS DO OR DIE WITH ME THIS TIME BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO DISAPPOINT YOU AGAIN

IT WAS A SWELL JOB AND THERE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A FOZZLE THIS TIME AS THE GAL IS COMPLETELY UNDER MY CONTROL



BEFORE I SEND FOR ALDERMAN JAKE TO TIE THE KNOT LET'S TAKE ANOTHER LOOK IN MY AIRTIGHT DUNGEON TO BE SURE THAT THERE IS NO TROUBLE FROM THAT QUARTER

DON'T WORRY, BOSS. HE FOUGHT LIKE A DEMON BUT HE'S SAFE NOW



WHEN THE CLOCKWORK LOWERS THAT SPIDER TO HIS FOOT IT WILL TICKLE HIM SO THAT HE'LL WIGGLE HIS TOE, WHICH WILL RELEASE THAT LOOP AND THE GLASS JUA OF GAS WILL BREAK ON HIM, KISSING HIM TO AUGH HIMSELF TO DEATH

HEH! HEH! HE'LL CERTAINLY NEVER WIGGLE OUT OF THAT IRON TOMB



AND AS FOR YOU, LITTLE GAL, YOU'RE NOT GONNA CHANGE YOUR MIND WHEN ALDERMAN JAKE COMES, ARE YOU?

YOU'RE QUITE SURE YOU WON'T EMBARRASS YOUR DEAR LITTLE HONEYBUNCH, EH, SWEETUMS, HUH?

I WILL DO YOUR EVERY BIDDING, MASTER



DO YOU TAKE THIS MAN—?

SURE SHE DOES! EVERYTHING IS JAKE WITH US

DON'T ASK NO FOOLISH QUESTIONS, JAKE

I DO

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN—?

HARK! WHAT IS THAT I HEAR?

SURE HE DOES



BANG KLANG WHANG BLANG CHANG

CHRISTMAS BELLS! THEY MOVE ME STRANGELY! I REMEMBER THE FIRST TIME I HEARD THEM—SNIF—I WAS SITTING ON MY DEAR MOTHER'S KNEE—SNIF—SHE SAID "PRECIOUS LITTLE LAMBKINS, IT'S THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS DAY—SNIF—NEVER FORGET THAT THERE IS A SANTA CLAUS—SNIF—AND IF EVER YOU ARE NORTI NORTI HE WILL PUT YOU IN HIS BLACK BOOK—SNIF—AND THE BOGEY MAN WILL GET YOU IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT"



WELL, AIN'T YOU GONNA TAKE THIS INNOCENT LITTLE HEART OF PURE GOLD?—SNIF—

BOO HOO! NO! I CAN'T DO WRONG BY THAT GAL ON THIS GLAD YULETIDE! SANTA CLAUS IS RINGING THOSE BELLS AND EVERY KLANG SMITES MY HEART LIKE THE KNELL OF DOOM!—BLUBBER—BLUBBER—

DON'T CRY LIKE THAT OR YOU'LL BREAK MY HEART—SNIF

WHAT? YOU'RE GONNA DITCH ME?—SNIF—



VERY DEADLY

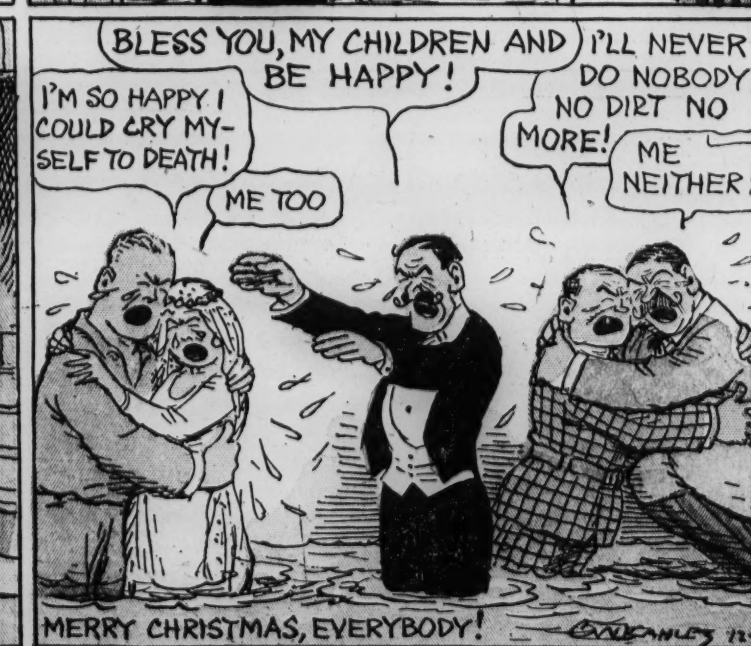
TICK TOCK

GOOD GRUEL! ONE MORE TICK OF THAT CLOCK AND I'M A GONER!!



THANK HEAVEN I AM JUST IN TIME TO CATCH THAT FATAL CORD!

WHAT THA—!!



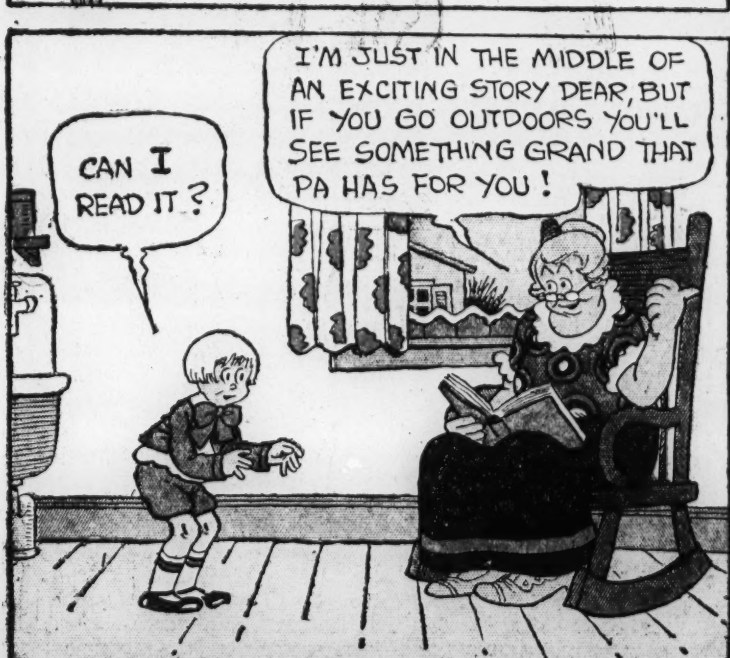
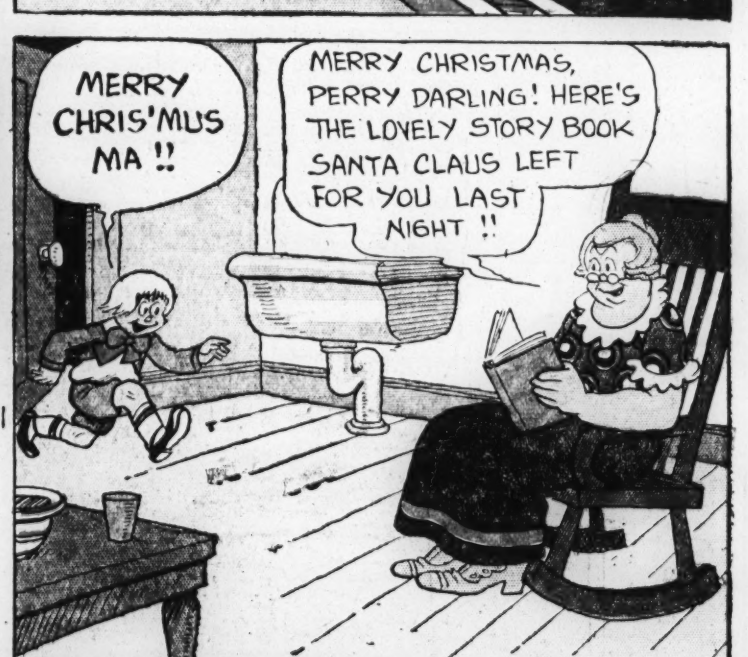
BLESS YOU, MY CHILDREN AND I'LL NEVER BE HAPPY!

I'M SO HAPPY I COULD CRY MYSELF TO DEATH!

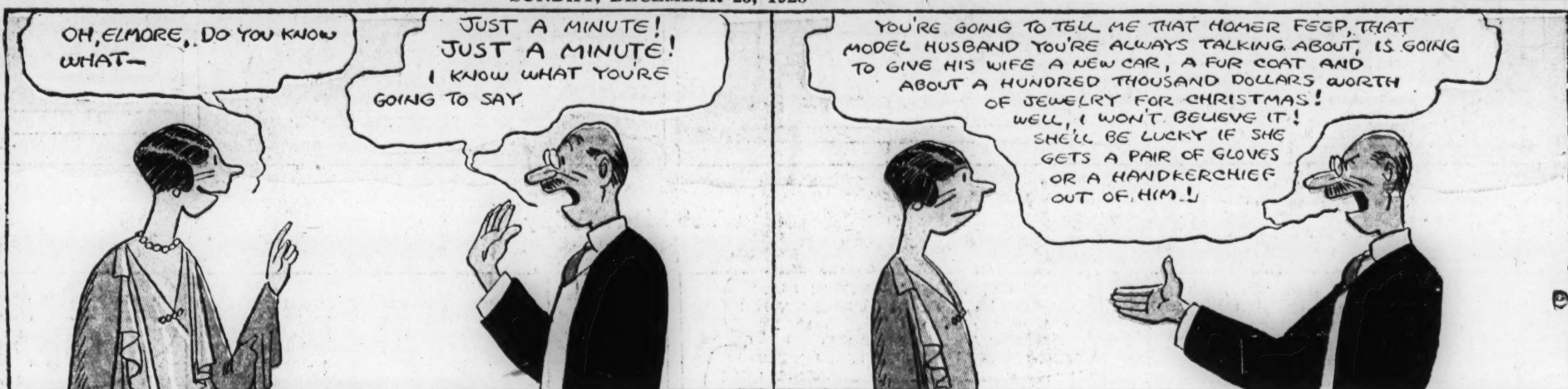
ME TOO

DO NOBODY NO DIET NO MORE! ME NEITHER!

MERRY CHRISTMAS, EVERYBODY!



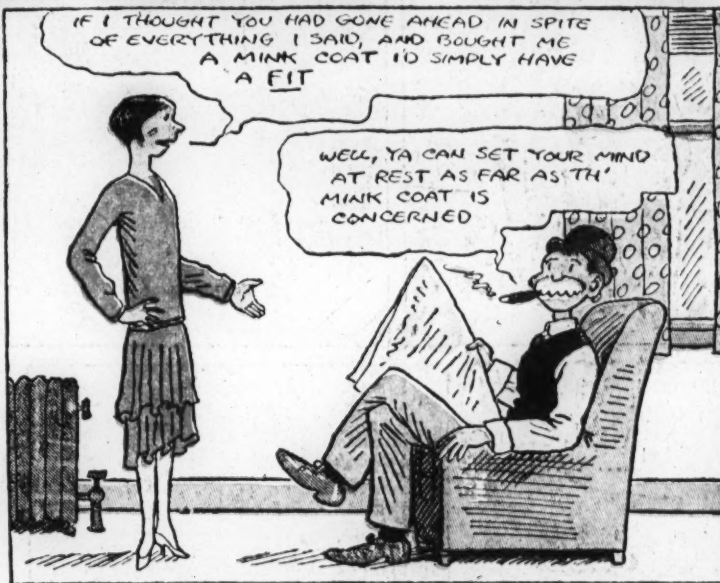
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THE MAN IN THE BROWN DERBY

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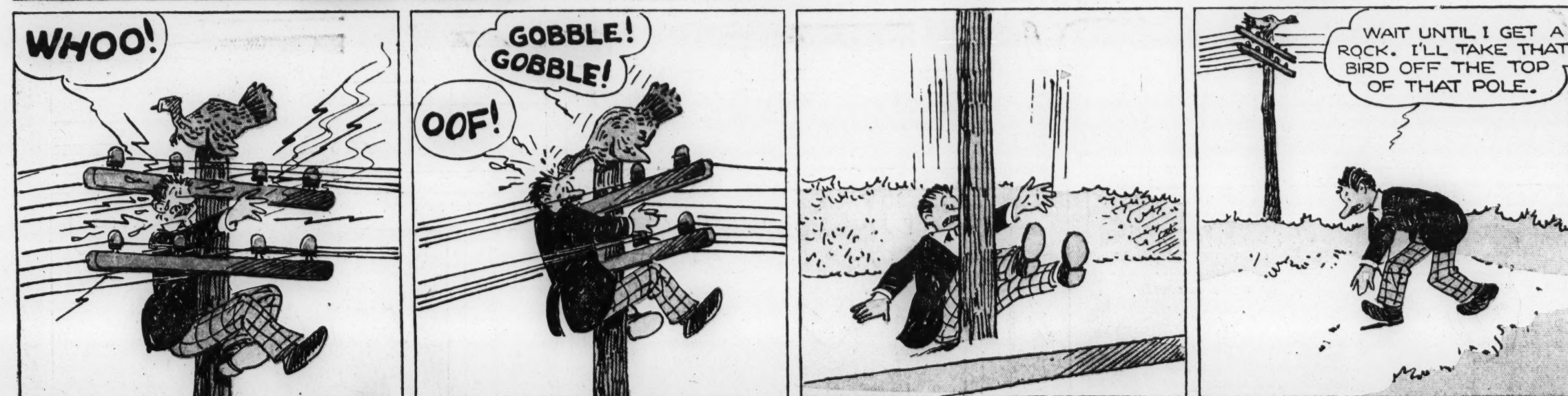




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Too Much Turkey.

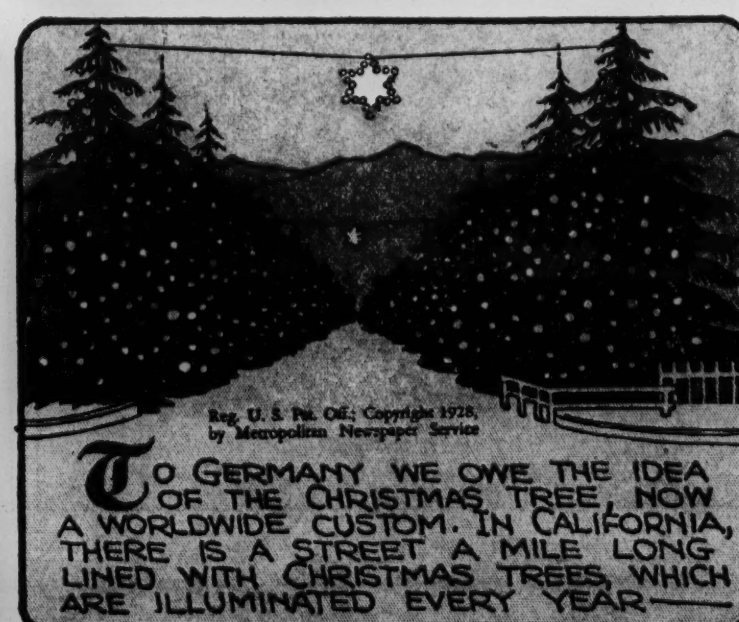
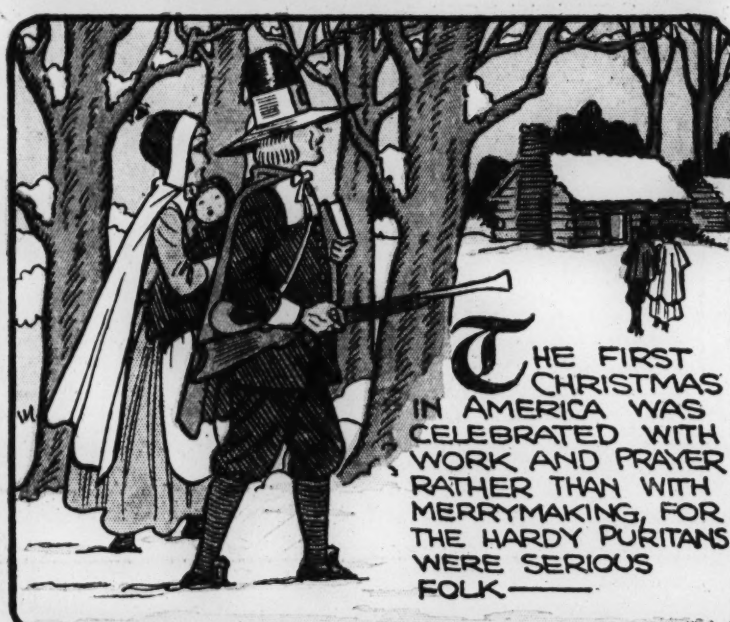
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ELLA GINDERS

by BILL CONSELMAN and CHARLIE PLUMB

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SKEEZIX,
COME BACK
BEFORE YOU
BREAK YOUR
NECK.



THIS IS A GRAND
JOB I'VE GOT - ONLY
ONE NIGHT IN THE
YEAR TO WORK. THERE
WERE 3000 BOYS
AFTER IT BUT I
GOT IT!



AN' I DON'T HAVE
TO GO DOWN ANY
CHIMNEYS. IF THE
WINDOWS ARE LOCKED
I'VE GOT A SKELETON
KEY THAT WILL OPEN
THE DOOR OF ANY HOUSE OR
APARTMENT WHERE
THERE ARE CHILDREN.



I'VE BEEN INTO
DOZENS OF HOUSES
TONIGHT AN' I
HAVEN'T SEEN A
SINGLE PERSON -
AWAKE.



SOME PLACES THE KIDS
HAVE TRIED TO STAY UP
AND WATCH, BUT THEY'VE
ALL FALLEN ASLEEP IN
THEIR CHAIRS. LET'S SEE.
THERE'S BOTH A BOY
AND A GIRL HERE.



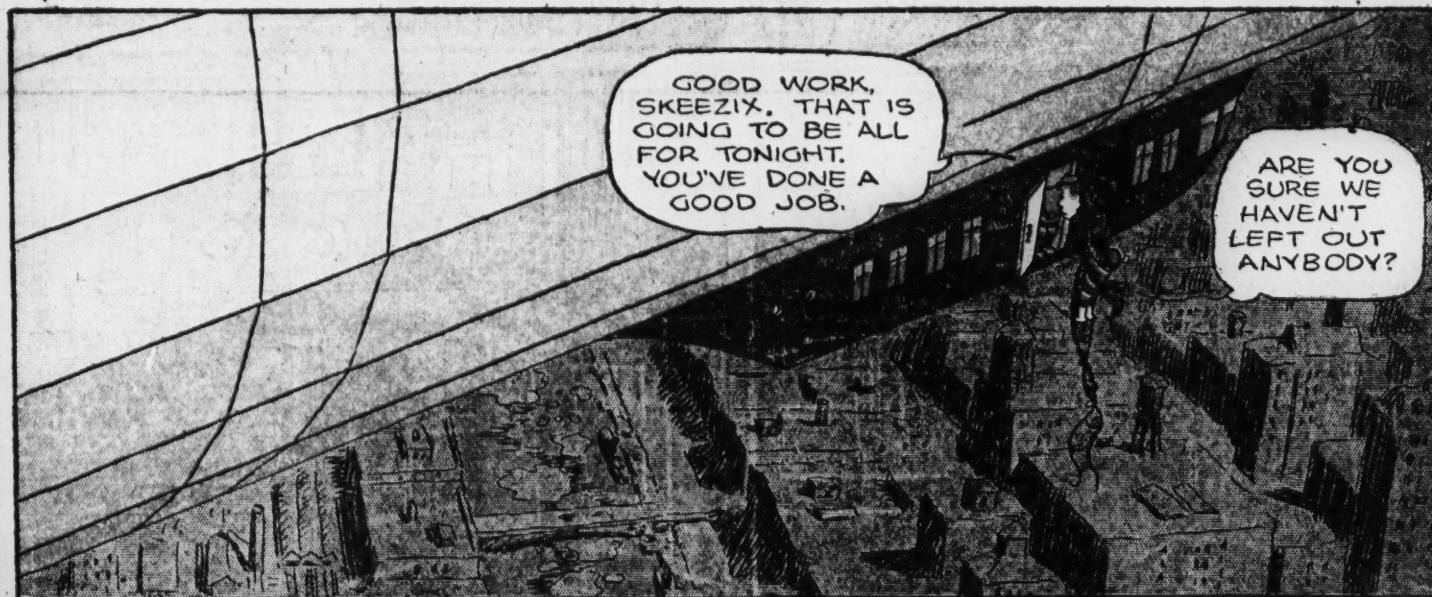
I'VE HAD MORE
FUN DOING THIS THAN
ANYTHING FOR A
LONG TIME. I'D LIKE
TO BE AROUND AND
SEE THE CHILDREN
GET THEIR
PRESENTS IN
THE MORNING!



WHEN HE
FEELS ME GET
BACK ONTO THE
LADDER HE
HAULS IT UP.
I'M GLAD I DON'T
HAVE TO CLIMB
ALL THE WAY.



IT'S A NICE, STILL,
COLD NIGHT. I
BETCHA I'D HAVE
MORE THRILLS ON
A WINDY CHRISTMAS
EVE. MAYBE IT WILL
BE THAT WAY NEXT
YEAR.



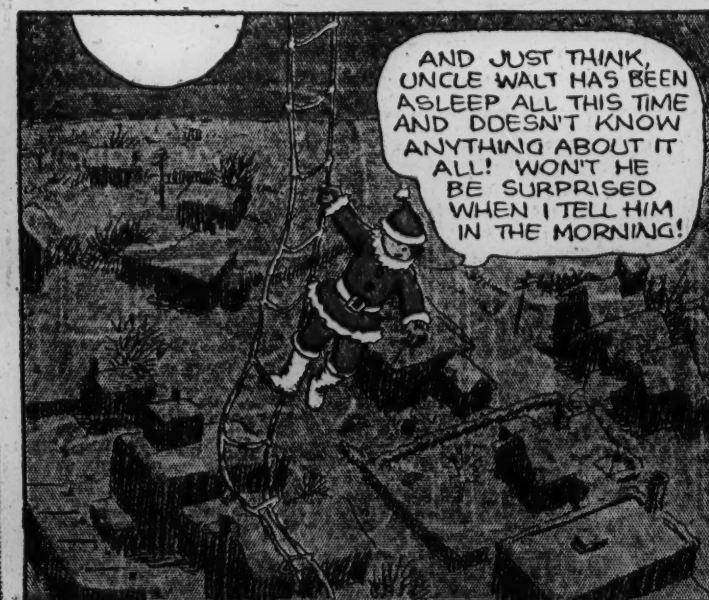
GOOD WORK,
SKEEZIX. THAT IS
GOING TO BE ALL
FOR TONIGHT.
YOU'VE DONE A
GOOD JOB.

ARE YOU
SURE WE
HAVEN'T
LEFT OUT
ANYBODY?



NOW WE'LL
DROP YOU OFF
HOME - IT'S
ONLY A COUPLE
OF HUNDRED
MILES AND
RIGHT ON
MY WAY.

THANKS,
SANTA CLAUS.
I'VE HAD A
FINE TIME!



AND JUST THINK,
UNCLE WALT HAS BEEN
ASLEEP ALL THIS TIME
AND DOESN'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT IT
ALL! WON'T HE
BE SURPRISED
WHEN I TELL HIM
IN THE MORNING!



HE'S
SOUND
ASLEEP!

YES NOW WE CAN
TROT OUT THAT
CHEMICAL SET
WE'VE HAD
HIDDEN AWAY



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FOR THE WASHINGTON POST BOYS AND GIRLS

The Junior Post.

SECTION OF THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON, D. C., DECEMBER 23, 1928.

WE ARE JUSTLY PROUD OF OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

Contributors to Junior Post Urged to Observe Xmas Spirit

Dear Post Boys and Girls—Merry Christmas to the boys and girls who read The Junior Post, one and all!

How do you like our holiday dress? We are not boastful but we venture to state that there are few papers for junior readers in the United States that can present as interesting a Christmas number as The Junior Post today.

What makes your editors so proud is that it is, with the exception of this letter and the Bird Quilt Book, entirely the work of The Post Junior Writers' Club, the organization of more than 2,000 boys and girls situated in all parts of this country and many foreign lands who contribute weekly the material of which The Junior Post is made.

A special cause for thankfulness is found in the fact that several of those who received honorable mention in the big new contest being conducted daily by The Washington Post are members of this club and had their first training writing for The Junior Post.

It will interest you to know that hundreds of contributions of all kinds, poems, stories, receipts, drawings, are received weekly by The Junior Post editor and the mere reading and examining of this material is quite a task. But it is a pleasant task and enlists the help of the Club Editor now and then. Each new contribution means another person, boy or girl, interested

in The Junior Post and a possible new member for the club. So do not hesitate to send in your work but try to remember the rules for originality, neatness, signing your names properly with ages, addresses and schools and, above all, writing in ink, on one side of the paper only. If you write or draw on both sides of the paper you automatically disqualify your work and all your effort has been for naught.

All over the land and in your National Capital the chimes of Christmas are ringing out peace and good will to men, the lesson of Yuletide taught to humanity by the birth of a little child. Do not make Christmas merely a day of present getting or giving. Let it mean also to you good will to your fellows in the home, the school and the playground. Then, truly, will you have a Merry Christmas and I hope a Happy New Year.

This is a wonderful age in which we are living and no boy or girl is too young or too small to do his or her share in making and keeping this country great by the good deeds and noble lives of its citizens. You are the citizens of tomorrow and you must make yourselves worthy and fit for the tasks which are to be yours.

And now, as Tiny Tim said, "God bless us every one" and make this Christmas the best we have ever known.
EDITOR JUNIOR POST.

The True Spirit of Christmas.

(Honorable Mention)

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," says the Bible, the book of books. Let's think about that. Aren't you really much happier when you have given some poor little boy or girl something to make them happier than you are when you receive a gift yourself?

Of course you are. The thought that you have done something that brings great joy to some one else makes you glad yourself. You want to get busy and make some one else glad.

The real spirit of Christmas is giving some one pleasure. When Christ was born the Wise Men brought gifts. They gave us the spirit, the true spirit that we all want to keep.

What jolly fun we have, going to the stores to buy gifts, whispering in the corner about Martha's special present, and getting pretty colored tissue paper, tinsel, red and green ribbons and seals galore to wrap them in. My, I think that is one of the best things about Christmas.

Then on Christmas you tramp up to the poor family's house on the hill with your presents for the poor little children who are not expecting to have a merry Christmas.

The mother stands in the door of the humble cabin with tears in her eyes and thanks you with gratitude that is truly gratitude.

You watch the children play with the toys a while and then go down the lane, which is lined on each side with beautiful pine trees, toward home—happy, happy, because you have helped some one else to be joyful on the greatest of days, Christmas, by giving!

MILDRED CLINE (age 14).
832 Cumberland street, Bristol, Va.

The Banner of Christmas.

(Honorable Mention)

All over the world for many centuries people have celebrated Christmas as Christ's Birthday. On this day one thinks of rejoicing, brother love, and the generous exchange of presents. To personify those things which people believe ought to exist, at least on this one day, the people in every country have created a person to represent their ideals.

In America this famous personage is known as "Santa Claus." Numerous myths have been woven about this figure by the fancy of the people. These highly imaginative tales are employed to inspire in youngsters a love for this man who really personifies many ideals of Christ Himself.

To the sophisticated youth from 12 to 17 years of age, however, there exists no such person as "Santa." Many of this class take great pleasure in sporting their worldly knowledge to the younger boys and girls. With such words of wisdom from such sages, some of the youngsters are beginning to lose their awe and respect and love for old "Saint Nick." In whose existence they have almost lost faith. Nevertheless the older, more mature person recognizes "Santa Claus" as one in whom all of Christendom should place faith.

Although the stories concerning him are, to say the least, extremely fanciful, he takes the place of a banner; he becomes something which binds the Christian people more closely together on this Holy Birthday.

He stands for the ideals, the hopes, and the loves of the believers in Christ, whether in this country, in Italy, or in Belgium.
CLOISE CRANE (age 14).
303 E street northwest.



"Auntie, lead me one of your stockings; I want Santa Claus to bring me a fishing pole."
\$1 Cartoon Prize.

Bill's Christmas Experience.

It was a cold night in December—colder than it had been for a long time. The streets were very crowded. It was Christmas Eve and children were being tucked into their beds in warm, cozy homes and told if they did not go to sleep, Santa Claus would not come to see them.

But there was one little chap who was not being tucked into bed and heard no mother's sweet voice bidding him good night.

It was a little boy, cold and alone. "I don't care if I did leave that 'ole home," muttered the little boy.

"I'll never, never go back there, 'cause me'n everybody else there was treated just like dogs," he said, giving himself a little shake. "And the only thing to do now is to go to some of the boarding house and, if they'll let me, stay there all night if I run errands and do odd jobs."

He started to the nearest boarding place.

"Why indeed no, who ever heard of such a thing? Don't want any little child messing up my house," or something to that effect was the reply from each landlady.

"It ain't no use trying nowhere else, I suppose," said Bill, for that was the boy's name.

But Bill seemed to remember something he had read in an old Sunday school book the day before. I don't know, but it seemed so much like that story I read, I mean me looking every where for a place to stay and every where I go I'm turned down. It seems so much like the story about Joseph and Mary and the baby, Jesus, when they couldn't find a place to stay," sighed Bill.

"Yes it seems a great deal like that doesn't it," said a kind voice behind him and Bill realized he had been talking out loud.

"I—I didn't know you were listening," said Bill.

"Oh I won't hurt you," answered the kind man. I want you to come home with me for you are cold and hungry. I can see it in your eyes.

At that instant Bill jumped up from his seat. "And I'll have a real bed and food and Santa Claus will come just like other kids?"

"Yes and you shall have a big story book that will tell you all about how Joseph and Mary got turned out that cold night just as you did."

RUTH RIDDLES (age 11).

Santa Claus.

(Honorable Mention.)

Santa Claus is a good old man; He does the best he can. He brings us toys and candy sweet; The dear old man, we'll give him a greet.

The snow is lying upon the ground; As he creeps down the chimney he makes not a sound. A bundle of toys he has flung on his back.

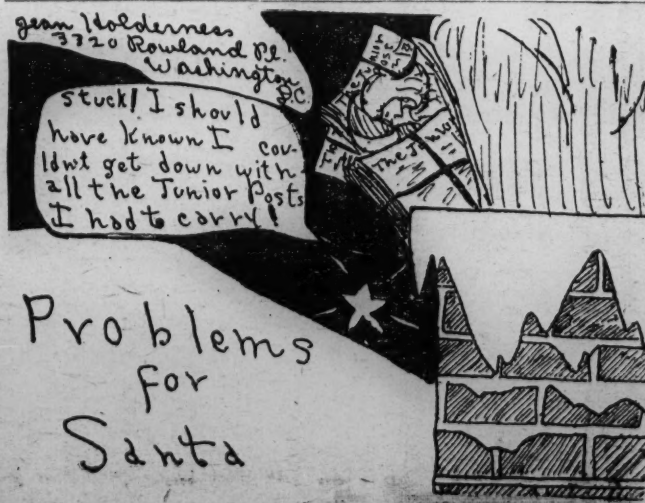
And he looks like a peddler just opening his pack.

MARIAN SELLNER (age 10).
Oxon Hill, Md.



Merry Christmas!

By Annie Falcone.





"God rest you, Merry gentlemen—
Let nothing you dismay."

By Alfred Hopkins.
\$2 Strip Prize.

With Our Junior Poets

Christmas.

'Tis Christmas Eve, what fun!
Tonight Santa Claus will come.
He will come with Christmas toys
For all the good little girls and boys.

He'll trim our tree with balls and rings,
With silver stars and shiny things;
He'll fill our stockings to the top,
Then up the chimney he will hop.

On Christmas morning how happy
we'll be

When we behold our Christmas tree.
Toys and presents we'll also see,
A merry Christmas for you and me.

FRANCES MARSHALL (age 13).
2000 H Street N.W.

Christmas Time.

Christmas time is coming, oh, boy!
And all the children will sing for joy;
But though it comes just once a year,
It brings merry times and great cheer.

When Santa Claus comes in his sled,
He will look so plump and nice and red,
But if you do not go to sleep
And on the chimney your stockings
keep.

Santa Claus will continue his trip,
And down another chimney he will slip.

He will fill the stockings of the good
little girls,
And give them big dolls with long
yellow curls.

Then on his way to another house,
Where it is as quiet as a mouse,
And into the stockings, toys he will
pour,

Until the stockings hold no more.

After the bag is empty,
Into his sled he'll go;
And ride to the end of his voyage,
On the other side of the big rainbow.

MILDRED SPERLING (age 13).

Christmas.

The time of all the fun is near,
I think of all the folks so dear.
We are all looking toward a good time,
When we hear the clock strike nine.

I can see myself the day before,
Already to have fun galore,
I can see mother in her cooking cap,
Making pies and turkey and all that.

I can see how I'll be sent to bed,
And oh, the hours I dread.
But I know as soon as I lay my head,
Santa will enter and make my stock-
ings as heavy as lead.

No school the following day,
All I'll do is laugh and play,
So I'll expect a good time this year,
All the time when Christmas is here.

NAOMI MORGENSTEIN (age 11).
609 Four-and-a-Half street northwest.

The Star of Christmas.

(Honorable Mention.)

Silence reigned o'er hill and dale
As the rose tinted dawn appeared.
Only a shepherd wending his lonely
trail

As his flocks of sheep he neared.

When lo! a brilliant star gleamed in
the sky

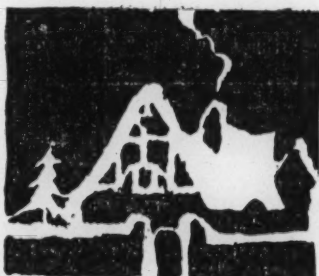
And the shepherd greatly feared,
As he beheld this shining wonder on
high.

E'en before the morning fog had
cleared.

Then an angel came down to the hills
On that wonderful holy morn

And announced the great glad tidings,
Our Lord, Jesus Christ, was born.

DOROTHY NOYES (age 14).
481 F street southwest.



GREETINGS

CHRISTINE
SHACELFORD
AGE 13 GRANT School

Autobiography of a Last Year Christ- mas Dolly.

(Awarded Gold Membership Pin.)

"Here we go," said Uncle Tom, "here
we go."

The horses raised their hoofs and off
we went. This was not a little sled,
but a big red one which held Patty, her
brother Bill, her mother, father, Uncle
Tom and myself.

I am Patty's best doll and she treats
me like a queen.

Over the snow we glided. Patty's
father, Uncle Tom and Bill sat in the
front seat; her mother, Patty and I in
the back. I sat on my little mother's
lap, bundled up carefully. Patty and
her mother had warm blankets around
them, too.

Oh, how the wind bit our cheeks and
how it whistled around our ears.

But before I go on telling my going
away I will stop to tell you about my
coming to Patty.

Well, last Christmas I was brought
to Patty. I was made by one of
Santa's helpers. One evening I saw
Santa come into the room. He picked
me up with a lot of other dolls and
put us in a bag, a great big bag. He
had many other things in there, too.
Oh, how dreadful to be in such a
stuffy bag with teddy bears and jack-
in-the-boxes all around you saying
they wished you would drop out of the
bag!

Before we started off he went into a
room and took up a book which had
"Good Children" marked on it. He
opened it and said aloud, "Um, Patty
Linds, well, I'll have to give her some-
thing nice." After looking at some
other names he flung the bag over his
shoulder and out we went into the
cold night of the North Pole country.
Putting us into the big sled, he
climbed into the seat and called,
"Getty-up." Away we went, the ten
reindeers pulling the sled. Slowly we
rose into the sky and the old moon
peeped at us as if to say, "Merry
Christmas."

We finally came to a house with a
big chimney. Santa slipped down it
easily and stepped out onto the floor.
Over the fireplace there were five stock-
ings—a great big one, a smaller one
and a still smaller one and two even
smaller, about the same size, one
marked "Bill" and the other "Patty."
Patty's was filled first and I was placed
on the tip top. After filling the other
stockings Santa left.

In the morning Patty and Bill
slipped down before any one else.
When Patty saw me she cried, "Oh,
Bill, look, look what I got." She
seemed to like me better than any-
thing else. Bill, even though he is a
boy, seemed to pay attention to me.

I have been carefully kept all the
year and now that we are at grand-
ma's house, I am going into dinner
with my dear Patty.

MARY GENEVIEVE BRINKMAN
6354 Georgia avenue. (age 10).

In The Editor's Letter Box

Dear Editor: I am sending you a
story about Christmas. I do hope you
will like my story, and I am going to
write some more.

We could not do without The Wash-
ington Post each Sunday. We have
taken it for fourteen years.

LOUISE YEAGER (age 13),
Gordonsville Va.

Dear Editor: Since I have been read-
ing the Junior Post I have found it a
very interesting paper for boys and
girls. I am sending my first story, and
I hope it will be accepted. I want to
become a member of the Junior Post.
Hoping The Post boys and girls
much luck, I am, sincerely,

CORA AGNES REES (age 14).
Pisgah, Md.

Dear Editor—I am certainly glad my
story found its place in your paper.

I read The Post every Sunday and
certainly enjoy it.

When will our paper be a year old?
And may I also say the continued
story, "Five Little Gift Makers," is cer-
tainly getting on fine. But at present
I don't see how the title holds true,
as there are five girls and five boys.
Although I realize it was only started
by the girls but they are all "gift
makers." This is not the others' mis-
take, but my dumbness, I suppose.

LUCILLE CARROLL
414 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.

Dear Editor: I have been enjoying
your Junior Post very much and of
which I want to be a member with all
the members.

I hope I can be a member.
Very truly yours,
VIRGINIA BARNESLEY (age 12).
Rockville, Md.

Betty's Christmas.

Betty was a little girl 8 years old.
One night she was studying her lessons.
Her mother said, "Betty, what do you
want for Christmas?" Betty said she
did not know, and went on with her
lessons.

One day Betty went to town. She saw
a beautiful doll she liked very much.
She decided she wanted it for Christ-
mas.

When Christmas Eve came Betty was
wondering whether or not she was go-
ing to get the beautiful doll.

She went to bed early that night.
Betty got up very early the next morn-
ing and went down stairs and saw the
very doll she had wanted. She was
very proud of her doll and kept it for
a long time. She had lots of fun
with her.

DOROTHY BURDETTE (age 12).
Ballston, Va.

Julian's Christmas.

Once upon a time there was a little
boy, 6 years old. His name was Julian
Dudley.

Julian was a good little boy. It was
near Christmas and he was looking for
Santa Claus.

He wrote to Santa to tell him what
he wanted—electric train, bicycle and
a toy plane.

Now Mrs. Dudley was going to Wash-
ington the next day. Julian asked if
he could go too. She said yes, he
could go. He went into one of the
stores and there he saw Santa Claus,
who wanted to know what Julian
wanted for Christmas. Julian told him
and said he wanted the Junior Post
page also.

When Christmas came he got every-
thing he had wanted, but most of all
he enjoyed the Junior Post the best.

BETTY MOSS, Age 10.
415 Prince street, Alexandria, Va.

Fannie's Christmas.

Fannie was a poor girl, but she
wanted to give her mother a nice
Christmas present. She did not know
how she would get the money to buy
her one.

A few weeks before Christmas she
went walking down the street. She met
her friend Dorothy, and so she went
with her. They began talking about
Christmas. Fannie told her about how
she was trying to get some money so
she could buy a present for her mother.

"Oh," said Dorothy, "I know how
you could easily get some money."

"How?" interrupted Fannie.

"You could write a little story, and
send it in to The Junior Post, and get
a prize of \$1," answered Dorothy.

When Fannie went home she wrote
a nice little story, and sent it in to
The Junior Post. She received a prize of
which she was very proud.

She bought her mother a nice Christ-
mas present. She thanked Dorothy for
telling her about The Junior Post, and
has been writing stories for it ever
since. CORA AGNES REES (age 14).
Pisgah, Md.

The Boy Who Saw Santa.

Once upon a time, there was a little
boy whose name was Tom. It was
Christmas Eve and Tom was in bed.
He thought he would wake up in the
night to see Santa.

When he woke up, he saw Santa
trimming the Christmas tree.

He was happy, very happy! He saw
Santa's sack full of toys! Santa was
putting candy canes on the Christmas
tree. He had an elephant in his hand.

There was a kiddle-car under the
table. So this little boy knew he was
getting some toys. Santa had not for-
gotten Tom! MILDRED HOLTZ.
505 C street northeast.



Prof. Collie, of the Canine College of Dogology, settles down for a
comfortable evening of serious reading.

Associated Press Photo.

Application for Membership Pin

Editor Junior Post, The Washington Post, Washington, D. C.:

I hereby apply for a membership pin of The Washington Post Junior
Writers Club. My..... (fill in story, poem or drawing)

appeared on The Post Boys and Girls Page, Sunday.....192.....
through which I earned my membership.

Full name.....

Address.....

Age..... School.....

Fill out and mail this blank promptly and instructions when and where
to call for your pin will be sent to you.

Tiny Tots Corner

A Happy Christmas.

A long time ago, in a very cold country, there lived two little children named Mary and James.

It was almost Christmas and they had but little food for they were very poor.

Mary wished for a big doll; James wished for a wagon.

So Mary worked hard for a lady in her kitchen while James chopped wood and packed it under the shed.

At the end of the week they had earned enough to buy some food and a doll and a small wagon.

So Mary and James spent a happy Christmas with their new toys.

MARY LEE CAVANAUGH.

Age 8. 300 Carroll Avenue,
Takoma Park, Md.

Mary Jane's Christmas

Mary Jane was a poor little girl who lived in the slums of London. She had to sell matches to earn a living, and very often she came back to the slums penniless.

She was alone in the world with no one to love and protect her.

It was Christmas Eve. Mary Jane walked sadly along the street peddling matches. The snow was very deep and people paid no attention to her as they hurried home, anxious to be by the warm fire. As she was crossing the street suddenly a car darted forward and knocked her down.

There was a screech and grinding of brakes, accompanied by a scream as the people dashed toward the scene. A rich man, whose name was Col. Tarver, got out of the car and hurried to the spot where she lay. He picked her up and ordered the chauffeur to drive to the nearest hospital.

Fortunately she was not hurt very badly and suffered more from fright than injuries so she soon recovered.

Christmas day she was moved to Mrs. Tarver's home and what a sight she beheld. There was a large and beautiful Christmas tree with many toys under it, all wonder of wonders for her. She discovered she was Col. Tarver's long lost daughter whom he believed to be dead, and then they lived comfortably ever after.

MARYLEE PRICE. Age 10.
818 Ninth Street northwest.

My Surprise.

Last year at Christmas time I had a surprise that gave me a fright.

I awoke early Christmas morning and hurried downstairs.

I ran into the parlor, where Santa had always left my things, and what was my surprise and fright when I found no Christmas tree and not a toy! I hurried upstairs and told my mother. She said that she didn't know what could be the matter, for I had been a good girl.

I went downstairs with a heavy heart, and what a different surprise I had when I went in the dining room.

The room was filled with beautiful toys and a tree.

Santa had left my toys in a different room!

MARGUERITE SARTAIR (age 10).
602 I Street northeast.

A Christmas Poem.

Oh, the moon looked down from the sky
From her perch on high,
To see a cabin below
Half covered with snow;
No Christmas bells were ringing
And inside no voices were singing.

"Santa Claus, Santa Claus,
Please travel and do not pause
'Till you come to a cabin below
That is half covered with snow;
There the people are sad,
So please make them glad."

Said Santa, "Yes, Lady Moon, yes,
I'll do my very best!"
So when they parted
Santa Claus started;
He reached the cabin before day,
And left as many gifts as you can say.

In the morn a child came out
And looked all about.
She screamed with joy—and then
Out came a lot of merry men
Who sang, "Oh Santa Claus, we thank
Thee,
For making our Christmas so merry."

MIMI DAY, (age 9).
Fort Bragg, N. C.

John's Christmas.

Christmas was near and John realized it. He knew that he had stolen some cookies during the year and fussed and pouted when asked to go to the store.

The day before Christmas Eve John said, "Mother, do you think Santa Claus will bring me any toys?"

"Ashes and switches," said his mother. John grumbled out a few words and left the room.

Christmas Eve John's father came home without a tree. Did his mother really mean what she said?

John went upstairs after dinner and went to bed.

Christmas morning John got up at 5 and went downstairs.

There was a large pile of presents and lots of games and toys.

After this when he came home from school he was always ready to go to the store and asked for cookies instead of stealing them.

BURKELEY BURRELL. (age 9).
1854 Second Street northwest.

An Awe-Inspiring Night of a Cave Man's Life.

A deep snow lies around the cave, which looks as though it were made of icicles. As the cave man steps outside the cave he is filled with awe, for overhead a pale moon is glowing in a velvet sky, while in the vast woods only the howling of the wolves breaks the stillness. Then he slouches inside and drops down beside the fire, still feeling the terror of that night.

MARYLEE PRICE (age 10).
818 Ninth Street northwest.

Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is a fat and jolly fellow. He wears a red suit trimmed in white fur, with a red hat to match which hangs down on the side. He also has a pair of black leather boots. His hair and beard are white, his sleigh is red trimmed in gold. He is a very generous man, for he works all the year 'round so you and I will have toys on Christmas. He has a very large bag which he fills with the toys he has made during the past year.

In Holland Santa fills little wooden shoes. In Germany he fills a plate for each child with candy. In Washington and Pennsylvania and many other cities and States he fills stockings. After he fills all the stockings, plates and shoes, he then starts for his home, which is at the North Pole. When he gets home he eats a little something, then he tells his wife, Mrs. Claus, of the things he has seen on his way. Then when he gets up next morning he starts working again.

FRANCE GALLAGHER (age 10).

Joe's Christmas.

There was once a little boy whose name was Joe Cooper. Joe was a newspaper boy. While he was going home one evening Joe stopped at a bicycle store and saw a bicycle which he would have liked to have had very much. But alas! It cost too much. Joe had saved up \$13 and he only earned \$3.50 a week.

One evening when Joe was going home from his newspaper job he was hit by an automobile; so he thought all his money would have to be spent on doctor and hospital bills. But it happened that the car which ran over Joe belonged to a rich man.

The rich man paid all the bills and besides sent Joe a lot of nice presents to the hospital where Joe was for Christmas. But Joe was very sad because he had not gotten his bicycle.

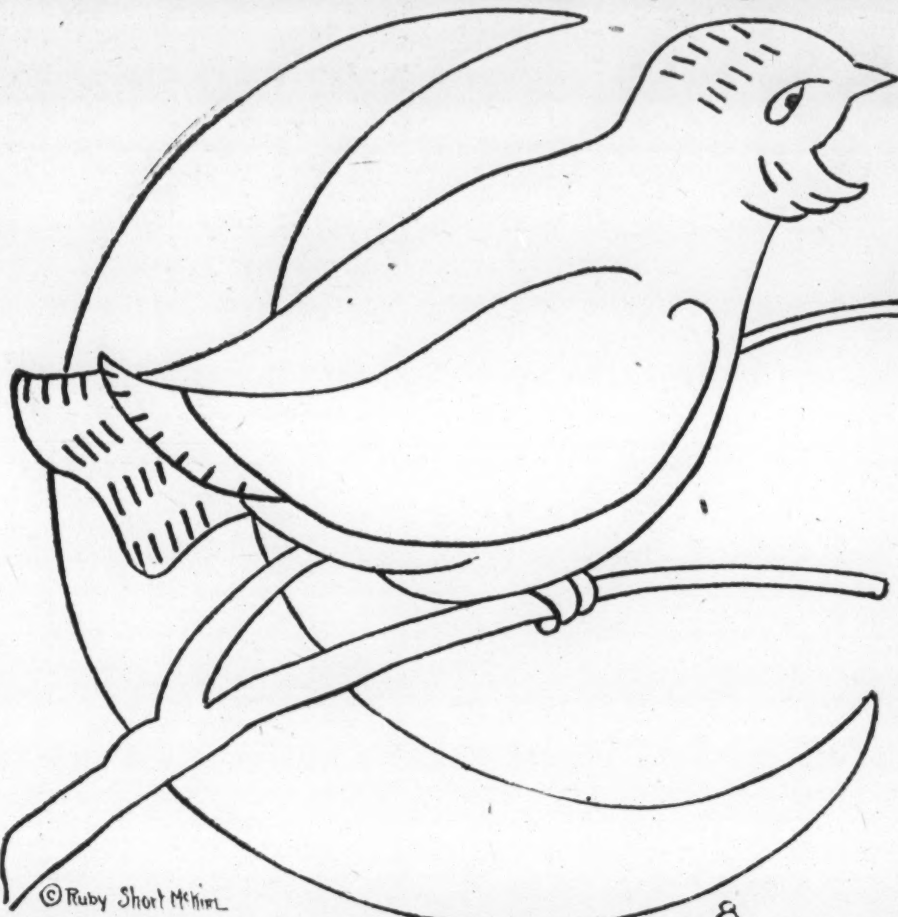
A few days later the doctor said he could go home. On his way home from his paper job he stopped at the store and saw that his bicycle was gone.

While Joe had been at the hospital the rich man visited Joe's mother, and asked her what he liked best for Christmas. And Joe's mother told him of the long-wanted bicycle. So on the way home, the rich man stopped at the store and bought the bicycle and sent it to Joe's house while he was at school.

He asked his mother if she knew anything about it but she said that she didn't. When he went to get his coat the next morning, what should he see in the closet, but his bicycle! He was so happy he even forgot his breakfast. He asked his mother if he could ride to school and she said yes. When she looked out of the window, she saw him riding like a king.

MARIANO VETTORI (age 11).
1105 New Hampshire Avenue N. W.

The Audubon or Bird Life Quilts



WHIP-POOR-WILL.

The whippoor-will is another night bird. You all know of the boy named Will who ran away from home and when deep in the woods heard this

bird's mournful cry: "Whip-poor-Will." His conscience was already hurting pretty bad and this was enough. He made it home faster than he had come, and we hope his mother was so

glad to see him that she did not follow the bird's advice.

This bird is sitting on a black limb outlined against a gold quarter moon. Her body is brown and black, with yellow on her breast and claws.

The Mice Christmas.

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, except Tommy Mouse—and a very disturbed mouse he was.

To think of a Christmas without any banquet was appalling! So appalling that Tommy, oblivious to the possible existence of cats or traps, paced the empty pantry floor, while the rest of the family slept a disappointed sleep. Never before had the pantry been empty, but this year the people had gone away for the holidays, leaving a very vacant house.

Tommy, most ambitious of mice, had determined to get a banquet somehow, but banquet there was none. Hence his mad pacing of the pantry floor. He soon grew hot and impatient, so he went outside to cool off and rest.

Outside his attention was attracted to the house next door by sounds of revelry. The people were celebrating Christmas Eve. At once he formed a plan. His tiny eyes fairly bulging in a super-attempt to pierce the darkness, Tommy traversed the distance to the next house, searched patiently for some unobtrusive hole, and, finding one, was at last rewarded by entering a well-stocked pantry.

He could hardly suppress a squeal of delight, but being a prudent mouse, he did so. Then after carefully marking the entrance, he scurried back to his mouse hole and awoke his twenty relatives and disclosed his plan.

Stealthily then, the procession wound its way to the next house; still more stealthily it crept into the then-empty pantry. Quietly, five of the mice lifted a huge box of cheese and began the journey back, five more quietly made off with some lettuce and crackers; another five silently procured a cake; the remaining six, the strongest of the family, began to transfer a huge jar of jam to their stalwart backs.

"Halt!" squeakily commanded a voice. "What are you doing here?" challenged a burly rat.

As the visitors' intent was quite obvious, they deemed it unnecessary to reply.

"Put everything back!" continued the rat, "or I will call out my family."

"Now, you wouldn't do that," wheedled Tommy who, after the first shock, had begun to think quickly. "Think of the spirit of brotherhood—think of the spirit of giving—think of the spirit—"

"Will you do as I said?"

"Why don't you," continued Tommy, blithely, "and your—er—family join us in a Christmas banquet tomorrow?"

"If you don't—"

"Sort of have the two families celebrate together."

"Huh!" demanded the rat.

"Oh, I'm so glad! And, of course—er—you'll bring your—own food!"

And the six retired gracefully.

The next night, after the 70-odd mice and rats had gorged themselves with Christmas cheer, ol' Jim, Tommy's grandfather, cleared his throat importantly and began:

"This is I am sure, the happiest Christmas our family has ever celebrated. We have been honored by the presence of our neighbor mice, and we hope that this gathering is the first of many others. Meanwhile—"

"Three cheers for our family, your family and Christmas!" interrupted Tommy.

They were given with a will.

CHARLOTTE DUBIN (age 13).
1757 K Street northwest.

The Meaning of Christmas.

On every face there was a shining light.

Every one was happy whether great or small.

A myriad of stars were burning bright O'er a babe in a lowly stall.

'Twas the Lord Jesus lying there without fear

In that lowly manger.

With wise men and angels hovering near

To protect Him from all danger.

This babe brought into the world righteousness

To the many suffering and in distress.

He sacrificed His life for us

To give us salvation blest.

Joyfully the merry bells ring.

The angels rejoice from above

In praise to the blessed King.

Who crowned this world with love.

KATHERINE BOND (age 15).
Brandywine, Md.

Santa Claus.

Santa's dressed in red and white. He visits us on Christmas night. On his back are pretty toys

Some which make a lot of noise. Balls and trains and dollies too.

Some for me and some for you.

EVELYN BROWN (age 12).
410 O Street northwest.

A Happy Christmas.

"Poor little Janie Brockman, she won't have much Christmas this year," said Jenny Buwell to her friends who were in Jenny's living room talking about Christmas.

"No; since her father died her mother has been sewing for people and mother said she hardly earns enough for food and clothing, let alone gifts for Christmas."

"And we can't give them things because they're rather proud and never like to take things they didn't earn."

"Say, I know what we can do!"

"What?"

"Why, we can ask our mothers and all the people we know to give their sewing to Mrs. Brockman for her to do. Then she'd earn money and not know we helped."

And that's exactly what they proceeded to do.

They got a lot of sewing for Mrs. Brockman to do and the people she sewed for liked it so well that they decided to have her do all their sewing and told their neighbors about the excellent work she did.

So Janie Brockman was happy on Christmas and so were a group of other girls who were assembled in Jenny's living room.

MILDRED CLINE (age 14).
832 Cumberland Street, Bristol, Va.



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Frances Marshall, Age 13

A Big Surprise Which Brought Happiness.

Every one is getting ready for Christmas. All of the little girls and boys are wondering what Santa Claus is going to bring them.

One day when Alice was coming home from school she saw a small girl sitting on the sidewalk. Alice wished to know what she was crying about.

Alice went to the little girl and asked her why she was crying. The little girl said she had seen all of the pretty Christmas decorations in the windows of the big stores, and she would have no Christmas, because they were poor. Alice told the little girl not to worry about that. She would get some beautiful presents.

At this reply the little girl stopped crying at once.

Alice asked what her name was. "My name is Jean Robinson," said Jean, "and I live with my mother and grandmother in a very old house."

Alice asked if her father was dead. Jean told her that her father died in June, and that was why she knew there would be no Christmas in the Robinson household that year.

Alice was very sorry for Jean, who was 10 years of age. Alice told her to come on home with her; that she had to carry her books home.

Jean went home with Alice, who lived in a beautiful house, which made Jean think of the house she had lived in before the death of her father.

Alice's mother, Mrs. Harvey, wanted to know who the little girl was. Alice told her all about how she met Jean.

Mrs. Harvey said, "I am glad you brought Jean home with you, and she shall have a happy Christmas if nothing happens."

Jean and Alice went upstairs. Alice gave her some clothes, which pleased Jean very much. She ran home and told her mother about the nice little girl, and showed her the clothes that Alice had given her.

Jean's mother was surprised to see the clothes, and thought that Alice must be a very kind little girl.

Because Jean had some clothes, she started to school the next day, which made her life more pleasant.

When Christmas came, Jean went to see Alice, and told her not to give her anything.

That night after Jean had gone to bed, Alice went up to her home. Some one had given them a tree, but no trimmings for it. Alice went home and came back with things to decorate the tree. She also brought many presents for Jean, and her mother and father had sent gifts to Mrs. Robinson and her mother.

Mrs. Robinson thanked Alice very

much. Alice told them not to open anything until in the morning.

The next morning, very early, Jean went downstairs to get a drink of water, and when she went in the dining room she saw a tree decorated and many presents under it. This surprised Jean very much.

Jean never forgot that surprise. She went down to thank Alice for the gifts, for she knew Alice was responsible.

Alice was glad to make a poor little girl happy, which every one should do. FRANCES REID (age 14). Lorton, Va.

The Spirit of Christmas.

It doesn't cost much
To spread a little cheer;
And lend a helping hand
Just once in a year.

Though Christmas may come to you
With a few worries, small,
Think of those less fortunate,
Who will have no Christmas at all.

There are many who are homeless
And those who have no clothes, or food;
A little something, most anything,
Would do them a lot of good.

So give to those who need it,
No matter how little it may be;
It will make their Christmas brighter,
And fill their hearts with glee.

For the Spirit of Christmas
Is not to receive, but give,
And by doing your part, you can show
Some one.

There is something for which to live.
GEORGE HALPAP, (age 16).
Seat Pleasant, Md.

Christmas Secrets.

Don't you love to share a secret
With one, two, or three?
Don't you think it fun to whisper?
Let's be still as still can be.

It's great fun to s'prise your playmate,
With some loving thing you do;
And the Christmas time is nicest
And I know you think so, too.

I can see your eyes just sparkle,
I can almost guess the one
You are planning to make happy,
This is just the greatest fun.

Is it Mary? Florence? Jane?
Maybe Jackie? Buddy? or Bill?
Why, the name it doesn't matter,
But the secret surely will.
VIRGINIA BARNESLEY, R. H. S.
(age 12).
Rockville Md.

The True Spirit of Christmas.

The true spirit of Christmas is giving.

Christmas only comes once a year and that is the twenty-fifth of December. We keep this day as a holiday and to worship.

When Jesus was born he was given many precious gifts by the wise men. On this wonderful day, we send and give gifts to our friends and relatives.

It is a very nice thing to receive gifts at Christmas, but it is more wonderful and better to give gifts to those who are sick or unable to buy presents to make them happy.

There are lots of happy and willing children who would be very glad to give gifts and not receive them.

We all know giving is the true spirit of this wonderful day and receiving is not.

Let us be thankful of this day in remembrance of our Lord and also in remembrance of our friends.

There is nothing like giving willingly to others who need and want little gifts to make their lives as happy on Christmas Day as well as our own.

God, our Heavenly Father, made each and every one of his people to be kind, loving and giving to friend or foe.

Many people are sad on this happy day, because they are forgotten by their friends and relatives.

Giving is the true spirit of Christmas. Isn't this so, friends?
GRACE L. A. MAYHUGH, (age 14).
Route 2, Box 89, Manassas, Va.

The True Spirit of Christmas.

(Honorable Mention.)

What is the true spirit of Christmas? Christmas is a time of joy, a time to give—not merely gifts, but love, which is a priceless gift. You can not buy love, nor can you steal it. Gifts are one of the best ways of expressing love.

Is there any fun in receiving if you've given nothing? Some say yes, but their hearts say no, unless they have been changed by their owner's selfishness.

Though you have received nothing, but have given something, though you can not see it. It is the priceless gift of unselfishness, which is indeed a precious gift.

What is better than to be able to say to yourself: "Mine is the gift of unselfishness, because I gave my part willingly."

It is not what you give that counts, but how you give it. Give what you have willingly, though it be but little. Is it worth giving? Then it is worth giving willingly. It may be costly, yet not worth giving.

If every one thought receiving the proper spirit of Christmas, what would Christmas be? Merely a time to sit around to wait and see what gifts you've received.

Give only a tiny gift, if no better can be done. Though it is tiny, give it in the right spirit. Those who receive gifts, in the right spirit, can not help but feel its love. The giver, too, is enriched. He has received the priceless and precious gift of unselfishness.

All of you think of this at Christmas thus it will be a much happier day for all. PAULINE M. ROGERS (age 11).

Christmas.

(Awarded Gold Membership Pin)

It was December, and in the cold twilight, silver leaves of the olives glanced like steel swords in the wet light. Bethlehem, snuggled in among the hills of Judea, presented a cold and dreary atmosphere. In the pale twilight, the barren hills stood like grim sentinels, guarding a precious gem and looking down with infinite and loving pride on the small, nestling village.

It was upon this scene that the infant Jesus first opened his eyes. What a place for the birth of the "King of Kings!" The child was born in a barn, a cave, in the very heart of the rock, in a manger surrounded by lowly and restless cattle.

And then shepherds came to the place where he lay telling a wondrous story of how, in the deep of the night, they had seen the sky blossom with celestial forms and faces, and the ether ring with celestial tongues and songs.

Ah!—What a Christmas to those shepherds, the splendid Oriental zenith bursting into celestial bloom and the winter wind broken by heavenly voices.

How docile, how silent the years! How seeming few years had passed until this tender infant would be sacrificed to the sin of the world, how soon was he to be sacrificed.

But Jesus still lives. He is in the hearts and minds of every one, especially at this time of year. We do honor to the greatest of mankind, the Savior

of humanity. Christ's final departure from earth was a triumph. A delicate cloud received Him and He was gone to receive the reward due Him. Evil never touched His spirit, and corruption never approached His body. Ideal of sacrifice, master of suffering, the grandest intellect and the purest heart was Jesus Christ.

He left us the divine opportunity of everlasting life.

Christmas is the gladdest time of all the year, because it marks the birth of the world's divine Savior.
MARY ATWOOD (age 14).
3814 Morrison street

The Real Christmas Spirit.

(Awarded \$1 Special Prize.)

The spirit of giving rather than that of receiving is indeed a great spirit prompted by kindness of heart, by generosity and the joy of seeing others pleased through our efforts.

It is a gift itself for which we all should ask—this generous spirit, and it should be prized above all Christmas gifts, small and large.

Happy in heart and mind both is he who sacrifices a few things himself to give something to someone else who needs it more, and he will be more happy in the long run, than he who keeps all things to himself.

This is the greatest season of the year. Christ sacrificed himself for us—can we not show our appreciation to Him in depriving ourselves of a few pleasures, in doing good for others?

Let us all display the true Christmas spirit, the right thought in giving, and in doing this we shall all be happier when we find how those easily sacrificed pleasures brought so much comfort and joy to others who receive our rightly given gifts.

Do we give with such a thought as this kept in our minds? "that we shall receive in return?" Have we been living each Christmas under this very wrong thought?

If so, we have been wrong and we must correct ourselves and we must make this a most joyful Christmas for all, and it is certain we will if we display the true joy-giving spirit.

Let us cheer the Junior Post for prompting such a spirit throughout the hearts of its youthful members, for wanting to insert within each and every one that great and generous love of our neighbors displayed to perfection in Christ.

DOROTHY M. LYNCH (age 13).

Christmas Time.

As Christmas time is drawing nigh,
All the children seem to cry,
Oh, Santa, what will you bring to me,
We are so anxious, can't you see;
Mother says if we are good,
A good as little children should,
On Christmas morning to our joy,
We'll find our stockings filled with toys.

MARIE MUSE (age 13).

Molly's Christmas.

Molly stopped her work for a minute and began thinking. Only nine more days till Christmas. She could hardly believe it. How could she secure enough money for her sick mother and her sister? Molly was the eldest daughter of Mrs. Clark, a poor widow, and through her earnings she managed to support the family. She worked and boarded as a servant for Mrs. Starnes, a very wealthy woman. Molly's house stood about a block away from Mrs. Starnes's beautiful mansion, and thereby she was able to run over to her house and see how her mother was getting along.

It happened that late one night when Molly was just coming from her house and was entering Mrs. Starnes's mansion by the back way, she caught sight of a figure prowling around the garden. She immediately drew back behind the door and was very quiet for a few minutes. The prowler, evidently a burglar, walked until he came to the same door that Molly was behind. Without a bit of noise he found that the door was unlocked, as Molly had left it. He entered the house and in about ten minutes he decided to go upstairs and was making his way to Mrs. Starnes's room.

Molly, still behind, crept up the steps and began watching the movements of the burglar. By this time he was in the room and began thinking what he should do. He opened his flashlight and threw the light around the room, which afterward came upon the face of Mrs. Starnes. In a few seconds her eyes were wide open, but before she could utter a sound the burglar had his gun close to her. He then gagged her and tied her hands and feet. Then he asked her where she kept her jewels.

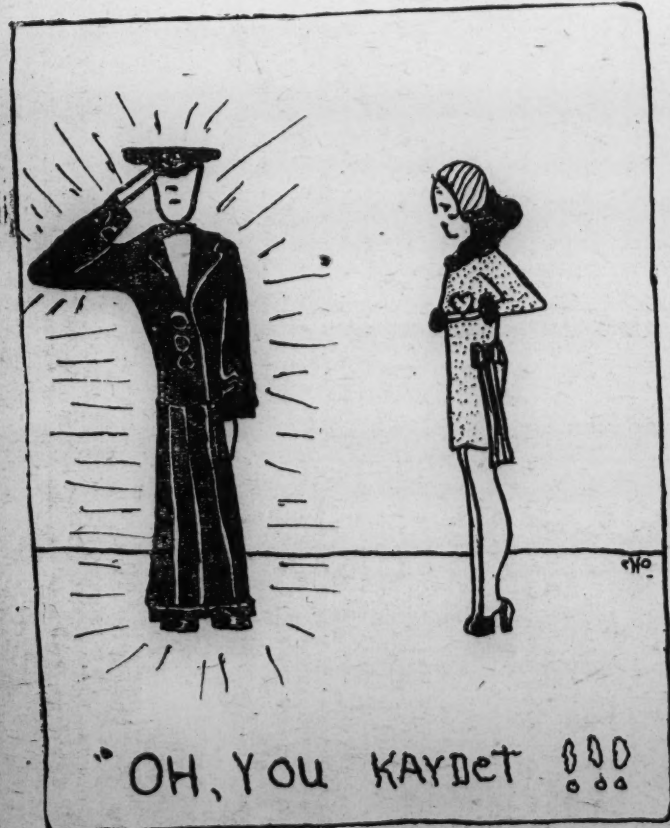
She pointed to a hole in the wall covered by a picture. Slowly he rose and walked across the room to the place described and began his work.

Molly went to the room where the robbery was taking place and opened the door slightly, just to see what was going on. When she stuck her head in Mrs. Starnes gave a very surprising look. About five minutes had elapsed and the burglar was ready to go and he told Mrs. Starnes not to make a sound till he had gone.

As he stepped over the threshold he was tripped up by Molly. She rushed into the room, switched on the light and untied Mrs. Starnes. Then she called the police, who discovered that the burglar was a very notorious crook.

The next day Mrs. Starnes came to Molly's house and gave her a handsome gift for her heroic work in capturing the burglar and saving her valuable jewels. Molly then had plenty of money to buy medicine for her sick mother and also food and clothes. Molly enjoyed Christmas very much and never forgot that exciting night which brought joy and happiness to her family.

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